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G. W. NICHOLSON, W. V. GARNER,
J. D. TILTON, A. SHERWIN,
A. J. PRESCOTT.

LETTERS of business should be directed to Rev. WM. HURLIN, Secretary, Antrim.

Applications for aid, together with the last quarterly reports from churches aided, should be forwarded to the Secretary, by the *twentieth of September.*

Clerks of Associations are requested to send to the Secretary, a manuscript copy of their Minutes *on or before the first of October.*

All moneys contributed for the Convention should be forwarded to the Treasurer, A. J. Prescott, Esq., Concord, *on or before the second Wednesday in October,* which is the date for closing the accounts for the year.

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CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

I. This body shall be known by the name of the New Hampshire Baptist Convention.

OBJECT.

II. The grand object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in this State.

MEMBERSHIP.

III. This Convention shall be composed of ordained ministers who are members of Baptist churches in the State, of messengers from churches which contribute to its funds, and of life members.

IV. Members of Baptist churches, in good standing, may become life members by the payment of twenty dollars, with the understanding that they forfeit their life membership if they lose their standing in the church.

V. This Convention will receive no more than two messengers from any one church, and it will require of them a certificate of their appointment from the church to which they belong.

OFFICERS.

VI. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

BOARD.

VII. This Convention shall annually elect twenty-two trustees, seven of whom shall be laymen from each Association; and these, with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute the Board of the Convention. The President and Secretary of the Convention shall also act as President and Secretary of the Board. At all meetings of the Board, five shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. The Board shall annually appoint a Prudential Committee of five, with whom the Secretary and Agent may confer whenever desirable, and at whose request the Secretary shall, at any time, call a special meeting of the Board.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Board to provide measures for raising funds for the Convention ; also, to dispose of said funds agreeably to the provisions of the Charter and this Constitution, and to transact any other business connected therewith. They shall report their doings annually to the Convention.

X. All money, specifically designated for any religious object, shall be faithfully applied according to such specification, or returned to the donor.

XI. If any vacancy shall occur in the Board during the recess of the Convention, they shall have the power to elect, by ballot, some one to fill the same.

SECRETARY.

XII. The Secretary shall keep a fair record of all the doings of the Convention and of the Board; shall conduct all correspondence; shall give notice of the meetings of the Convention; and shall take charge of all the papers committed to his care, all of which shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Convention.

TREASURER.

XIII. The Treasurer shall take charge of all money and other property committed to his care; shall keep a fair record of the same; shall

take special care to enter the names of donors and contributors to the funds of this body, together with the objects for which they were contributed, and shall pay them out pursuant to an order of the Board, signed by the Secretary. He shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. He shall annually report to the Convention the state of the funds, and at any other time when called upon by the Board.

ANNUAL MEETING.

XIV. The Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be held on the third Wednesday of October, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as may be agreed upon; and a sermon shall be preached by some person previously appointed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

XV. It shall be the privilege of the Clerk of each Association to present to the Convention a full and correct account of the condition of the churches belonging to the Association which he represents, the number of destitute churches, together with such other information as the Convention may from time to time require.

XVI. At every annual meeting there shall be a free public conference, in which individuals from each Association shall be invited to give an account of the state of religion within their respective limits.

XVII. No resolution or motion implicating, or in any way interfering with the independence of the churches, shall be entertained by this Convention.

XVIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any annual meeting of the Convention.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every sitting of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Soon after the opening of the Annual Meeting, the Committee of Arrangements shall make a report respecting the order and business of the meetings of the session.

3. Every person who speaks shall rise and address the President; and no person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the presiding officer.

4. If, when a motion has been made, or during the discussion, a member opposes its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question, "Shall the question be discussed?" If decided in the negative, the subject shall be considered as not debatable, and the vote shall be taken on the main question.

5. Those subjects shall be considered as constituting the business first in order, which relate to the interests of the denomination in our State; and all other topics shall be introduced through the Committee of Arrangements.

6. All committees shall be nominated by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

7. The Committee of Arrangements for the next Anniversary shall be Committee on the Order of Business for the same; and the pastor of the church, with which the Anniversary is held, shall be a member of the Committee.

8. These rules shall be read by the President at the opening of the session.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

EXETER, Oct. 16, 1878.

The Convention met in the Baptist Meeting House, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by Rev. A. Sherwin, President. Hymn 258 in the *Service of Song*, was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D.

1. The President read the Rules of Order.

2. *Voted*, That visiting brethren be invited to enroll their names, and participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

3. The President nominated the following Committees:

On the order of Business—Revs. J. N. Chase, J. D. Tilton, S. C. Fletcher, W. B. Smith, E. J. Emery, H. C. Leavitt, N. Hooper, W. H. Alden.

On Enrollment—Revs. J. F. Fielden, J. S. Swaim, T. C. Gleason, A. S. Stowell.

On Arrangements for next Year—Revs. E. C. Spinney, W. H. Eaton, C. A. Towne, W. H. Leavell, R. B. Moody, G. A. Glines.

On Nominations—Revs. W. V. Garner, D. H. Stoddard, G. W. Kinney, E. Pepper, W. Hurlin, F. Merriam, and Bro. N. T. Greenwood.

On Circular Letter—Revs. G. W. Nicholson, O. P. Fuller, C. Newhall, D. Gage.

4. Heard the report of the Committee on the order of business, in part, through Rev. J. N. Chase. Adopted.

5. The Committee on Enrollment subsequently reported the following list.

PASTORS.

W. H. Alden, Portsmouth,
I. J. Burgess, Hampton Falls,
J. N. Chase, Exeter,
W. H. Eaton, Keene,
S. C. Fletcher, New London,
O. P. Fuller, Plaistow,
J. F. Fielden, Franklin Falls,
W. V. Garner, Concord,
T. C. Gleason, No. Conway,
G. A. Glines, Cornish,
K. S. Hall, Lake Village,
G. W. Kinney, Hudson,
W. H. Leavell, Manchester,
W. Libby, Wilton,
F. Merriam, Danbury.
R. B. Moody, Milford,
C. Newhall, Brentwood,
G. W. Nicholson, Nashua,
E. Pepper, Bradford,
E. L. Scott, So. Hampton,
A. Sherwin, Manchester,
W. B. Smith, Fisherville,
E. C. Spinney, Concord,
D. H. Stoddard, Great Falls,
A. S. Stowell, Salem,
J. S. Swaim, Claremont,
J. D. Tilton, Rumney,
C. A. Towne, Dover,
J. H. Wells, Newton,
J. L. Whittemore, Richmond.

DELEGATES.

J. G. Abbott, Antrim,
J. D. Akerman, Portsmouth,
C. E. Albee, Claremont,
F. C. Bbown, Chester,
T. Butters, Concord,
F. S. Crawford, Concord,
D. Flanders, Plaistow,
W. H. Foye, Dover,
J. French, Portsmouth,
T. B. Garland, Dover,
S. M. Greene, Cornish,
N. T. Greenwood, New London,
J. G. Hutchinson, Goffstown,
D. Jewell, Brentwood,
A. J. Kidder, New London,
R. T. King, Nashua,
S. F. Learned, Chester,
Mrs. L. Merrill, Rumney,
H. C. Moses, Exeter,
J. Paige, E. Weare,
D. P. Perkins, Manchester,
A. J. Prescott, Concord,
I. F. Purinton, So. Hampton,
D. Smith, Exeter,
J. Spear, Manchester,
D. Stevens, Deerfield,
J. M. Tebbets, Great Falls,
Mrs. J. D. Tilton, Rumney,
E. B. Towle, Hampton Falls,
P. P. Whitehouse, So. Hampton,
C. Wilder, Peterborough,
J. Williams, Plaistow,
B. G. Young, Franklin Falls.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS.

A. Brown, Newton,
J. Clement, Chester,
E. E. Cummings, Concord,
J. E. Dame, Farmington,
T. B. Eastman, No. Sutton,
D. Gage, Manchester,
N. Hooper, Exeter,
W. Hurlin, Antrim,
J. Upton, Brentwood,
S. S. White, So. Hampton.

VISITING BRETHREN.

W. C. Barrows, Biddeford, Me.,
H. H. Beaman, W. Bridgewater, Mass.,
N. J. Clark, Philadelphia, Penn.,
G. W. Gardner, Boston, Mass.,
G. W. Gile, Lawrence, Mass.,
L. Hayden, Washington, D. C.,
C. F. Holbrook, Saco, Me.,
B. Knight, Salem, Mass.,
J. L. Sanborn, Waterboro, Me.,
G. S. Smith, Shapleigh, Me.,
J. Storer, E. Haverhill, Mass.,
A. Webster, Hyde Park, Mass.,
E. Worth, Kennebunk, Me.,
T. E. Balch, Wakefield, Mass.,
E. J. MacEwan, New London.

6. The Secretary, Rev. K. S. Hall, read the report of the Board.

Hymn 747 was sung.

7. *Voted*, That the report of the Board be laid on the table.

8. The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read before the Convention. Adopted.

9. The Treasurer read his report.

10. The Circular Letter was read by its author, Rev. G. W. Kinney, and it was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. Gage.

Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Hymn 757 was sung and prayer was offered by Rev. L. Hayden, D. D.

11. Rev. W. V. Garner, for the Committee on Nominations, reported a list of officers, omitting the Secretary, on account of a recommendation in the Reports of the Board, which had not been considered by the Convention. Report adopted. (See page 2.)

12. Heard the Reports from the several Associations.

13. Rev. G. E. Street, of Exeter, Delegate from the General Association of New Hampshire, (Congregational,) presented the christian salutations of that body.

14. Rev. W. V. Garner, reported his visit to the last meeting of the General Association, which was held in Concord.

15. Dea. Brown spoke in behalf of the N. H. Bible Society.

16. *Voted*, That the Reports from the Associations be printed with the Minutes. (See page 24.)

17. *Voted*, That the Report of the Board be taken from the table. The suggestions of the Prudential Committee, presented in that report, with reference to new plans of work, were then considered, and after a somewhat animated discussion, in which Brethren Cummings, Stoddard, Webster, Eaton, J. D. Tilton, Fielden, Sherwin, Libby and Gage, participated, the first, second and third suggestions, were adopted. (See page 13.)

Pending a motion to adopt the fourth suggestion, the following Brethren spoke, viz: Hurlin, Wilder, Merriam, Fielden,

Garner, Kinney, Eaton, Sherwin, J. D. Tilton, and Cummings.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was

Voted, That fifteen minutes be added to the time. The discussion of the subject was then continued by Brethren Stoddard, Prescott and Garner. It was then

Voted, That this suggestion be referred to the Prudential Committee for re-consideration, and that they report to-morrow.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Worth.

Evening Session.

The Convention met at half past 7 o'clock.

18. After prayer, Rev. G. W. Gardner, D. D., spoke on behalf of the Baptist Missionary Union, and made special reference to the wonderful work among the Teloogoos.

19. Professor MacEwan, Principal of Colby Academy, spoke on behalf of that Institution.

20. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Fielden. Text, John 1, 23.

21. Rev. J. N. Chase presented a further report, from the Committee on the Order of Business, which was adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Pepper.

Thursday Morning.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock. After singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour," prayer was offered by Rev. S. C. Fletcher.

22. Heard a report from the Prudential Committee, through Rev. W. V. Garner, with reference to their fourth suggestion, as follows:

Your Committee recommend that the Convention devise means and plans for the speedy creation of a permanent fund for the purpose of erecting houses of worship in new localities which give promise of growth.

Voted, That this report be referred to the Board.

23. *Voted*, That Rev. N. F. Tilden be a delegate to the Congregational General Association, and that Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., be a delegate to the Methodist Conference.

24. The Committee on Nominations reported the name of Rev. A. Sherwin for Secretary. Adopted.

25. Rev. W. V. Garner offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the members of the Convention rising:

"That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. K. S. Hall, on his retirement from the office of Secretary, for the able and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of the position for the long term of eighteen years."

26. Rev. J. D. Tilton, on behalf of a Committee appointed by the Board, presented the following resolution, which was also adopted by the members of the Convention rising:

"*Whereas*, Rev. D. Gage has closed his labors as our Missionary and Agent, in which capacities he has served for twenty-three years with great fidelity, perseverance and efficiency, we would, in closing these special relations, which have been so long sustained with a great degree of satisfaction to our denomination throughout the State, express our high appreciation of his arduous work in which he has become worn, and has attained to a good old age, and a good degree; we extend our warm sympathy and cordial christian regard for him as a dear brother in Christ and fellow worker in the ministry, and assure him that our prayers shall still be offered for him, that the blessing of God may be with him, rendering his future as genial, joyful and spiritual as the past of his experience, and abundantly more so to the glory of God, and his usefulness in whatever departments of labor he may be employed, and we would commend him to our churches who may need pastoral work."

27. Rev. A. Sherwin declined serving as Secretary, and his resignation was accepted, and the Committee on Nominations were requested to present another name.

28. The Committee on Arrangements for next year, reported through Rev. E. C. Spinney, as follows: Place of Meeting, New London; Preacher, Rev. W. H. Leavell; Alternate, Rev. J. S. Swaim; Circular Letter, Rev. A. V. Tilton; Alternate, Rev. A. J. Hopkins

29. The Committee on Enrollment reported. (See page 6.)

30. *Voted*, That the Report of the Board be printed with the Minutes.

31. *Voted*, That the Treasurer's Report be adopted and printed.

32. The Committee on Nominations reported the name of Rev. Wm. Hurlin, for Secretary, and the report was adopted.

33. Rev. W. Libby presented the following resolution which was referred to the Board:

"That the Secretary shall keep himself in communication with the several churches of the Convention, in order to secure collections and legacies for the benefit of the Convention, and shall also advise and consult with the feeble churches, to the end that all may have and sustain settled pastors."

34. *Voted*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Baptist church with which we are assembled, and also to to its friends for their generous hospitalities; to the choir for their acceptable services, and to the several railroad companies which have reduced their fares.

35. *Voted*, That Rev. E. Pepper be a member of the Board of Trustees.

36. *Voted*, That we recommend the observance of the week of prayer, in January, by the Baptist churches of this State, in common with other evangelical churches throughout the world, with the request that Thursday of that week be observed as a day of special prayer for Colby Academy at New London, and all other institutions of learning.

After prayer by Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., the Convention adjourned to meet in New London on the third Wednesday in October, 1879.

G. W. NICHOLSON, *President.*

WM. HURLIN, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT.

With grateful acknowledgement of the mercy that has spared us thus far, we commence this report of another period of service in behalf of the Baptist churches of New Hampshire.

But while we are continued for a longer term of labor, the past year has witnessed the departure of some who were formerly associated with us. After the lapse of more than fifty years from its formation, the last of the corporate members and first Secretary of the Convention, Rev. James Barnaby, died at West Harwich, Mass., Dec. 10, at the advanced age of 90.

Rev. Philip Chamberlain died at Milford, Feb. 19, aged 82. Rev. Horace Eaton, who was supplying the church at Chester, was smitten with disease and passed away from his home in Wakefield, Mass., in June, and Rev. Phineas Bond died in Maine a few weeks since. All of these brethren had held several pastorates each in the State, and only laid off the harness after years of toil.

We are painfully conscious in rendering up our account, of our failure to accomplish all that might have been exbected of us, as almoners of the bounty of the churches. We can but wish it had fallen to the lot of wiser heads and warmer hearts to plan more aggressive movements upon the kingdom of darkness and more successful methods for the advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness. The year just passed has been one of depression and trial for many of us, and various obstacles have beset our paths, which leads us to enquire whether the former days were better than these?

In olden times, the promulgation of our principles awakened much opposition, and sometimes was followed by fines and imprisonment; but no such opposition or injustice raise a barrier to our progress at the present day. Instead, we encounter an apathy that is hard to arouse, or a grovelling, discontented murmuring about the scarcity of financial resources, which makes

the enjoyment of religious privileges, or the response to the calls of benevolence a grievous hardship. Was there no such trouble in the days of our fathers? Was there generally a readier response to the appeals of the gospel than now? Did the majority of church members in their days esteem it a luxury to contribute of their substance for the expenses of religious worship? Or have we fallen upon peculiarly evil times, which would put to the test a stronger faith and zeal than were possessed by the fathers?

It is with sadness that we sum up the meagre results of the past season. At the last annual meeting of the Convention it was strongly urged that we should put forth more vigorous and aggressive movements in behalf of our home work, and we had fondly hoped to realize this result. But we have struck out no new paths, entered no new fields, organized no new methods, and employed no new agencies for the prosecution of new enterprises. We have been fettered by untoward circumstances. But it may well be a question how much of this bondage has been real and how much fancied; how much placidly acquiesced in, and how much necessarily, but unwillingly endured. It is a matter for grave enquiry whether the straitness of the times has not been made a charitable mantle to cover a multitude of sins of needless omission. We are only required to bring in the tithes into God's store-house; but have we brought in the tithes? Has the Lord of the harvest received all that he claims for his own?

At the last annual meeting of the Board, the Prudential Committee were authorized to appoint an exploring agent and missionary in the State, for the term of three months or more, as soon as in their judgment a suitable man could be found to enter the field. The Committee have not been able to carry out this arrangement, so much needed, in the judgment of the Board, for the more vigorous prosecution and greater success of our domestic work. They have found neither the man nor the means requisite to this result.

The report of the Committee to the Board, an extract of which is here given, shows that they have labored with zeal for the enlargement and success of the cause held in trust.

After referring to the matter of devising and adopting new

plans and measures for the more successful prosecution of our State work as suggested by the Board, the Committee report that—

"This duty has not been ignored, though but little in the line of practical changes has been accomplished. Your Committee have felt that in some directions at least, there should be radical changes and a complete overturning in our methods of work, if we would secure the best denominational results. But the changes which they deem not only desirable but necessary to the growth and enlargement of our denomination in the State, are so radical in their character that they have no place within their limited province, but properly belong to the larger and more authoritative bodies which they represent; to wit, the Board and the churches associated in Convention.

Your Committee have been unanimous in the opinion that there are new fields rich in promise which might be entered and secured with a comparatively small outlay, and that some of our feeble interests might be developed into stronger churches, if the right men could be put in charge. But in the matter of establishing new interests, the Committee could do nothing, inasmuch as no provision had been made by the Board for defraying the expenses which would necessarily be incurred in such an enterprise.

In the matter of ministering to the wants of some of our most destitute churches, something has been done. Early in the year, your agent was directed to proceed at once to Coos County where there was not a single Baptist pastor, and labor with the churches in that region until the meeting of the White Mountain Association. When that Association met in the month of June with the church in North Stratford, every member of your Committee was on the ground and carefully canvassed the field. The church at North Stratford was regarded as the key to the position and it was deemed of great importance that a good and true man should be placed in charge at once. * * * * Brother Samuel A. Reed, a recent graduate of the Newton Institution was sought out and finally engaged to go to Coos County, survey the field, and ascertain what, if anything could be done. The result of his visit has been his settlement as pastor over the church at Stratford.

During the year the Secretary of the Committee has corresponded with nearly all the churches in the State in regard to the raising funds for Convention work and has received responses very generally—indeed only one or two failing to reply.

In connection with this brief summary of the doings of your Committee, we would suggest for your consideration some of those changes in our plans and methods which are deemed necessary to the successful prosecution of our work.

First, We would suggest that the State Agency and the Secretaryship of the Board be combined and both offices vested in one person.

Second, That the agent be relieved from the work of collecting funds.

Third, That a responsible Committee be appointed in each Association whose business it shall be to see that the churches do their full duty in the matter of raising money for Convention work.

Finally, We would suggest that a portion of the invested funds belonging to the Convention be used for the purpose of erecting houses of worship in localities which give promise of success and that such investments be governed by such regulations as those adopted by the Baptist Home Mission Society in the same line of work."

At the meeting of the Board at Concord, in October last, appropriations were granted to twenty-six churches to the amount of $2.475. The Prudential Committee subsequently added a further appropriation of $75.00 to the church in Suncook, making a total of $2,550.

From the reports of the several churches, we gather the following facts for your consideration.

ACWORTH. Rev. William J. Smith commenced his pastoral labors with this church Nov. 25, and closed the same March 25, on account of ill health. The sabbath following Bro. J. D. Graham entered upon his labors, having held a series of meetings in the place in the preceding autumn. Early in the year the Sabbath School was re-organized, after a long vacation, and has gradually increased in numbers and interest. There has been a similar increase in the attendance upon public worship. Total 56 ; loss 6; appropriation $75.

AMHERST. This church reports a good degree of harmony and interest with a steady gain of numbers in the congregation. Total 77; loss 5 ; appropriation $50.

CANAAN. Rev. Joshua Currier closed a six months' pastorate with this people April 21; thus they are again left as sheep without a shepherd. With a resident membership of but twenty, they find it difficult to sustain the means of grace. Total 43 ; loss 2; appropriation $125.

CHESTER. This church was supplied by Rev. Horace Eaton for about four months, at the beginning of the Conventional year, at the expiration of which time, he was laid aside from farther ministerial labor by reason of sickness. Since then, it has been regularly ministered to by Rev. Joshua Clement. They rejoice over the completion of their new church edifice after so many delays. It was dedicated Aug. 29. While grateful for their outward prosperity, they are laboring in hope of a rich harvest of spiritual blessings. Baptisms 1; total 58; gain 1; appropriation $100.

CONWAY. From Oct. 25 to Nov. 25 meetings were held every evening and also in the afternoons of the first week. They were aided in the meetings by Revs. J D. Tilton and T. M. Merriman of the Meredith Association, D. H. Stoddard of the Portsmouth, and J. F. Fielden of the Salisbury, and by Dea. S. K. Mitchell of Haverhill, Mass. As the result, an interest in the subject of religion was awakened in the community, the church was quickened and sinners converted. Baptisms 7; total 41; gain 8; appropriation $150.

DANBURY, Has had a few valuable accessions, and enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. One brother is preparing for the ministry at Newton, and two others are pursuing their studies at Colby University. They request no further aid for the present, hoping after so long a time of dependence, to become self sustaining. Baptisms 2; total 42; gain 5; appropriation $50.

EAST WEARE. A good degree of interest is reported the first quarter. Their pastor left the first of June for a visit to his home in England. While without preaching, they maintained sabbath and week day prayer meetings and the Sabbath School. Total 46; loss 1; appropriation $100.

FITZWILLIAM. Rev. Sumner Latham closed his labors on the last sabbath in March. They have had preaching every sabbath but two during

the year. Rev. William Reed entered upon his pastoral duties July 7. Prayer meetings have been well attended. They express themselves willing to contribnte according to their ability for the support of the gospel among themselves, but find it hard to raise the requisite amount. Total 72; loss 2; appropriation $125.

GOSHEN. In their last quarterly report they express regret at the prospective loss of their pastor, who has served them faithfully for a little more than a year. They request aid in the support of preaching for the year to come. Total 69; loss 1; appropriation $100.

HAMPTON FALLS. They were encouraged by the aid granted them, and express gratitude for spiritual and temporal mercies. Total 67; loss 1; appropriation $75.

HINSDALE. Under the labors of Rev. C. A. Piddock they have been greatly cheered and strengthened. A better state of feeling and greater harmony prevail in the church, and sinners have been converted to Christ and added to their membership. Baptisms 14; total 85; gain 9; appropriation $125.

LYME. This church has made a change of pastors. Rev. S. S. White being succeeded by Rev. E. P. Merrifield, May 12. They have been favored with some religious awakening and a few additions within the year. Baptisms 4; total 76; gain 3; appropriation $50.

LYNDEBOROUGH. Like the church just named, this one has also changed pastors during the year. Rev. William R. Warner closed his labor March 3, and May 5, Rev. H. G. Hubbard assumed the oversight of this flock. Very little change is reported in their spiritual condition. Total 78; loss 5; appropriation $100.

MEREDITH. They report very few changes within the year. Their pastor closed his labors Oct. 6. Total 73; gain 2: appropriation $50.

NEW IPSWICH. Through the goodness of God, they have enjoyed the labors ef a self-denying pastor during the entire year; it is feared his labors must soon close for want of adequate pecuniary support. They report themselves as never so poor financially as now, but stronger spiritually, through lopping off some dead branches. Baptisms 2; total 29; loss 20; appropriation $125.

NORTH SANBORNTON. The past has been a season of mingled blessings and trials. Some have been added to their number of those hopefully converted, while it has been found necessary to withdraw the hand of fellowship from others who were walking disorderly. Baptisms 3; total 82; gain 1; appropriation $75.

PETERBOROUGH. This church has been numerically reduced by the dismission of several non-resident members and the exclusion of delinquent ones; a process which is thought to have materially strengthened the remaining working force. There have also been some additions.—Baptisms 12; total 94; appropriation $125.

PITTSFIELD. Rev. J. M. Coburn resigned the pastoral office early in the year, and has been succeeded by Rev. Edwin Bromley, late of Norwood, Mass. They report themselves as in a good condition to labor for the Master. Have chosen two new deacons and various committees for different portions of church work. Baptisms 4; total 125; gain 6; appropriation $100.

RICHMOND. After a lapse of eight or ten years of inaction, they have been aided in their efforts to sustain preaching for the last three years by

the Convention. In all their period of despondency, there was no departure from the distinctive principles of the denomination. They are encouraged by the few accessions from time to time of those seeking a home with them. They are very few in numbers, and therefore seek assistance from abroad, hoping for a harvest in due time. Baptisms 2; total 21; gain 3; appropriation $100.

SALEM. The past year has not been one of spiritual ingathering, but a good degree of material prosperity has been enjoyed. The ladies have purchased a new organ for the church and removed the old one to the vestry, which they have also furnished with blinds. In closing their last report they write: "This quarter closes the twelfth year in which we have received aid from the Convention. Without that aid we could not have maintained our existence as a church in all human probability. We recognize, however, the obligation of self support at as early a date as possible, therefore, with the deepest gratitude for past help, we will make the effort, with the help of God, to support ourselves the coming year, and will pledge to the Convention our sympathies, and, as soon as circumstances will allow, our contributions. We depend, however, upon the full amount of our appropriation this year to enable us to take this step" Total 64; loss 2; appropriation $125.

SOUTH HAMPTON. The pastoral office has been filled the past year by Rev. E. L. Scott. No very marked changes have taken place in their condition or prospects, save the loss of ability to sustain the preached word caused by deaths and removals; a loss, as they estimate it of twenty-five per cent. Baptisms 2; total 34; appropriation $75.

STRATFORD. Rev. J. L. Sanborn closed his pastorate with this people April 15, having been with them seven years and a half. Since the commencement of the last quarter, they have been regularly supplied by Bro. Samuel A. Reed, a graduate of Newton Theological Institution, who was ordained as pastor of the church on the 9th inst. With a resident membership of only eighteen, they promise him a salary of $500, desiring the Convention to furnish $150 of the amount. Several conversions are reported as the result of the preaching of Bro. Graham in February and March. Total 27; loss 4; appropriation $100.

SUNCOOK. They complain of spiritual coldness, the result in part of their financial condition, they having become involved in debt something less than $300, from which they see no way of relief. Total 68; gain 2; appropriation $150.

TROY. They have toiled on through the year amid many discouragements. At the present time, the pastor is in feeble health, as he has been for some time past. During the last quarter, when he has been unable to preach, the pulpit has been acceptably supplied by his son, a recent graduate of Newton. For two weeks past, he has been holding extra meetings with manifest good results. Total 81; loss 5; appropriation $100.

WILTON. This church has suffered from the disaffection of some of her members, caused by a painful case of discipline; but is hoping, laboring and praying for the dawning of brighter days. Baptisms 3; total 74; loss 5; appropriation $100.

WOODSTOCK. No special changes have marked the history of this church during the year. They have been favored with the regular instructions of the word except for a short season, when they were somewhat interrupted by the illness of the pastor. They feel the importance of maintaining a church of their own faith in their isolated position; but are hoping, that in due time, their material prosperity will be so enhanced,

that they shall become self-sustaining. They earnestly desire to see the cause of God triumph in their midst, in order to which they need to have their hearts warmed by Divine grace, so that they may not shrink from any duty which that success may require. Total 60; loss 3; appropriation $100.

From the above, it will be readily seen, that twelve of the twenty-six churches, report fifty-six baptisms in all,—ten a gain of forty members, and twelve a loss of fifty-six, making a net loss of sixteen. Had the last quarter's returns been received from all the churches, it is hoped these figures would have been improved. Most of these bodies, although disappointed in not receiving quarterly payments, have regularly forwarded their returns, thus enabling those whose duty it was, to sympathize with them in their joys and sorrows, and minister more understandingly to their necessities.

Rev. David Gage has continued in the service of the Convention as heretofore. With the exception of two sabbaths, one spent at Brentwood, and another at East Weare, he supplied the church in Londonderry for some four months, preaching twice every sabbath in the church and in the evening in a school house near the depot. At the latter place, the situation is far more favorable for gathering a congregation; and the labors of the Agent were largely directed towards securing the moving of their meeting house, to that location; but without success. The church were offered a gift of land on which to place their house, but did not see fit to remove, preferring to let their light shine upon the hill for a longer season.

Five sabbaths in March and April were spent with the church at South Lyndeborough, then destitute, which vacancy he assisted them in supplying. In the mean while, he visited East Canaan, where he found the pastor about leaving, on account of ill health. This church was afterwards supplied for a time in the summer by a student from Newton.

By direction of the Prudential Committee, he went to the north part of the State, remaining from the first of May till past the middle of June; preaching in Carroll, Jefferson, Lancaster, and North Stratford, and visiting from house to house. All of these towns were at that time without Baptist pastors. The last named vacancy having been filled, there is now one pastor

in Coos County, and another in the Association, over the line in Vermont.

Leaving this portion of the field, he visited Brentwood, Warner, Milford, Greenville, New Ipswich, Salem, Antrim, East Washington, Hudson, Bow, Rumney, Keene, Troy, Amherst, North Sutton and Newport, for the purpose of raising funds. In closing he adds:

"I have also attended and addressed five Associations. During the year I have preached ninety-eight times; attended one hundred and four prayer meetings and made one hundred and sixty-four visits. During my connection with the Convention as Missionary, I have gathered two churches, aided in the building of two meeting houses; opened ten houses of worship that had been for a long time closed; baptized one hundred and nine and preached more than fifteen hundred sermons. During the forty-three years of my Christian ministry, I think I can honestly say that I have never felt that I was more in the way of duty than during the twenty-three years of my missionary work for the Convention. I have labored very pleasantly with the pastors of the churches. It rejoices my heart to see so many young ministers coming into the State, to take the places of those who must soon pass into the spirit land. It is my prayer that they may be blessed of God in the salvation of many precious souls."

We trust we shall be pardoned, if we point out some of the more imperative needs for the successful prosecution of our missionary labors, and briefly hint at some of the obstacles which have seemingly retarded our progress in the past.

One of the first and most essential requisites, for the prosecution of any enterprise in which two or more people are engaged, is harmony in council. Mutual agreement upon some definite plan of operations is an indispensable factor in making up the account. It was when the disciples lifted up their voice to God with one accord that the place of assembly was shaken, and the multitude of believers, being of one heart and soul, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake the word of God with boldness,—and great grace was upon them all. We need to have well defined ideas of the work to be accomplished, and a hearty agreement in the selection of the best methods to be employed to secure its accomplishment.

Having formed our mutual plans, after a patient and prayerful exercise of the highest wisdom which God bestows, we need concerted action in carrying out those plans. The most skilfully or-

ganized campaign, in time of war, may end in a disastrous defeat, if each common soldier acts the part of a guerilla, or if each captain constitutes himself a general and assumes to direct the tide of battle by the whim of the moment. So in spiritual warfare, our well drilled soldiers ought to concentrate their efforts in the common aim to dislodge the enemy from his strongholds.

Another need for the prosecution of our work, and which presses itself upon our notice with more urgency from year to year, is a larger amount of funds. When we count up at the close of the year the visible results of our work, we are sometimes tempted by the lack of sheaves, to enquire whether the reapers have been faithful with the sickle. But, before we cast censure upon any, we need to enquire how many of them have had their hands palsied in the weary struggle for bread. The daily questioning of "what shall we eat, and what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed," tends neither to promote mental vigor nor spiritual strength. When Paul wrought at his trade of a tent maker, and was chargeable to none for his maintenance, he taught that those who preached the gospel should live of the gospel.

We speak upon this point with reluctance, knowing too well how hard it has been for many to obtain money during the past year; but when clergymen are compelled to pay ordinary day laborers, for the service they may need, much higher wages than they themselves receive, there is little equality or justice. It shows the appreciation in which religious offices are held in the community. Would we make our preachers strong mentally and spiritually to do the work that is needed at their hands, we must provide for them a comfortable maintenance and relieve them of all undue anxiety for the wants of the morrow. Some of them can rub along for a few years on the scanty sums they are now receiving, but if obliged to spend all their working years in this way, they will purchase for themselves and families free tickets to the poor-house in time of sickness or old age, unless the Lord providentially interpose for their relief.

We need more consecrated wealth among our people generally. A larger amount is needed in the treasury for the support of preaching in the churches already established, and also

to plant the standard in new fields, where there may be opportunity to build up strong and vigorous interests.

In times like the present, when the pressure of want is felt in many a household, where formerly was abundance, there is a loud call for increased self-denial, on the part of pastors and people. To a portion of our pastors, this is not applicable. When by the necessities of their limited allowances they are kept constantly at the point where they know the meaning of pinching want, with all its deprivations and mortifications, they have reached the limit of of proper self-denial, in the estimation of reasonable people.

But there are occasionally to be met, those who are very improvident in the management of their resources; who are always embarrassed with debts which cripple their own energies, and are a source of grief and mortification to the churches they serve. Upon such as as these we would urge a self-denial which should husband their resources, and, if these are limited, a wise economy in their use.

While of the very few, raised above pecuniary pressure by the more abundant means or generosity of the flock over whom they are placed, we would enquire if they owe nothing in the way of Christian charity and kindness, to these less favored brethren and less favored churches? Will not a little self-denial on their part, enable them to obey the Scriptural injunction: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ?"

But if there is need of self-denial in the pulpit, there is no less occasion for it in the pew. We have on our list to-day too many churches afflicted with a species of chronic immobility and dependence. Year after year they repeat the same story of losses by deaths and removals, by which their ranks are thinned and their funds diminished. These circumstances are of themselves disheartening; but a still more disheartening view of the case is the small number of additions. At the rate of decrease in some localities, the Convention will soon need to do all the work. We cannot reasonably look for as large increase among a sparse population as in large communities; but while these latter have many advantages in their favor, they also have some serious drawbacks. People in the country have more leisure for serious meditation, and far less temptations to go astray than those in

more populous communities; and again, if money flows less freely among them, they have far less calls for its use. We do not think it unreasonable for the Convention to expect growth, instead of decay, among these rural churches, so long pensioners upon its bounty.

In order to this there must be self-denial on the part of the members. That part of the reports, "All our members do *not* aid in the support of preaching;" needs to have the negative truthfully omitted. Members of churches who do not contribute for the support of the gospel in their own midst in proportion to their ability, have too long been carried as a dead weight by our churches. Unless they are speedily removed, they threaten to drag down and crush the whole body. Disaffection with the pastor, or some of the members, may usually be scented afar off as the cause of this burden. He who has not grace enough to acquiesce in the will of the majority, and co-operate with them in building up the cause of Christ, even if it goes against his personal preferences, has not grace enough to remain in any church, provided of course, the majority continues to keep the faith and ordinances as delivered to them.

The inborn covetousness of some, called by the apostle, idolatry, is another cause of this withholding—all such should be cast out as heathen. We have too many members, who would not hesitate, as David did about accepting the gift of a piece of land upon which to erect an altar for the worship of God; they would accept not only the land, but would still hold out their hands for a contribution wherewith to build the altar; furthermore, it would save them trouble if Araunah would also furnish the priest to slay the sacrifice. Then they would lift up their voices, if the effort were not too fatiguing, and cheerfully sing the refrain:

"I'm glad salvation's free"—

or the other:

"Nothing either great or small
Remains for me to do;
Jesus paid it all."

The call,—"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and the first fruits of thine increase," would not disturb their delicious ecstacy.

But while there is a necessity laid upon our poorer brethren to practice self-denial, the call is not less imperative upon those possessing a greater abundance of this world's goods. Many of them

cheerfully contribute a portion of their substance for religious purposes, at home and abroad; but the liberality needs to become more general. There needs to be awakened on the part of our intelligent laymen a deeper and more wide spread interest in our home field. The expenses for the maintenance of public worship in their own midst are oftentimes heavy, and their liberal contributions are needed for sending the gospel to the heathen, but they are surrounded on every hand, throughout the length and breadth of the State, by poorer brethren, who have a scriptural claim upon their regard and almsgiving. There needs to be a more intelligent appreciation of home duties and responsibilities, and a heartier zeal in building up the cause in our own allotted field. There is a multitude of the needy and unsaved at our very doors, who will never receive the gospel, unless it is carried to them by friendly hands.

There are many churches discouraged, because of changed circumstances, who need a little material aid and much encouragement before they will learn the grace of self-help. These should receive the timely assistance of sufficient means for their necessities, and a large share of warm hearted sympathy and cheerful counsel. There is nothing of novelty in this work; but it is one of necessity laid upon our churches, if they would save some portions of our State from moral waste and degradation.

Another want, most deeply felt, but which we sometimes hardly dare lisp for fear of giving unnecessary pain, and wounding where we would only heal, is a larger amount of consecrated talent. True, talent is a heaven-born gift; but each one is required, according to the word of God, to double the gift. It is to be feared that some of our ministers, having only a limited number of these gifts bestowed, settle down over small churches, with small salaries, and content themselves with small efforts and small results.

Our churches all desire "smart men" for the pastoral office; and it is manifestly the duty of all who fill that office to be smart in a certain sense. Diligent in business and fervent in spirit all may be. Very familiar with the word of God, and close students of such books as will best aid them in its unfolding, so far as their means will allow, and still closer students in the unwritten book of human nature, they ought to wield the Sword of the Spirit with power. In this age and country, where the facilities for acquiring knowledge are so great, every minister of the gospel ought to be a man

of broad and liberal Christian culture; and if their exists the disposition, there will in some way be found the means to obtain it, whether in the usual trodden paths, or in some rougher and more unfrequented way. The injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," is not yet obsolete. Whether the field for culture be a large or a limited one, it should receive the best possible husbandry. No slipshod labor should ever be offered or accepted.

We need more enthusiasm in carrying on the work of the Convention. We need a zeal that will not be turned aside by petty obstacles, but weighed down by the magnitnde of the enterprise, will sweep away the barriers and compel success.

Lastly, we need more faith in God. Instead of fixing our gaze constantly upon the work of our own hands, as though by our might or our power, we were to obtain the victory, we need to lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence alone cometh our help. With all our planting and watering, we are to expect that God will give the increase, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

In behalf of the Board,

K. S. HALL, *Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

MEREDITH ASSOCIATION. The Meredith Association held its eighty-ninth anniversary Sept. 11 and 12, with the church in North Conway.—The attendance was small, because of the remoteness of the place, but the meetings were felt to be of much spiritual profit. The little church welcomed the Association with generous hosditality, and with gladness for the Lord's favor to them during the year. Their zealous pastor, with the aid of the Associational Committee and other brethren in the State, and afterwards of Dea. S. K. Mitchell, of Haverhill, Mass., held protracted meetings early in the year, with the result, after a time, of the addition to the church of seven by baptism and three by experience, with some increase of the general interest.

Baptisms were reported from other churches as follows, viz: 1st Rumney, 1; Danbury, 2; North Sanbornton, 3; Baker's River, Rumney, 1; making in all for the Association, 14. Fourteen additions by letter and experience were reported, also, from five churches. Total increase for the year, 28. There were losses in 8 churches; by death, 16; by exclusion and erasure, 12; by dismission, 11; total 39. Net loss 11.

The total resident membership reported in ten churches is 626, or one less than the number reported in the same churches last year. Whole number of Sabbath School scholars reported, 850. Whole amount reported for benevolence, $495.75, which is $108.22 less than the amount of last year, and is distributed as follows, viz.; to Foreign Missions, $138.15; to Home Mission Society, $47.51; to the State Convention, $149.37; Bible Cause, $11.75; Miscellaneous objects, 148.97. Three students for the ministry are members of the church in Danbury.

The changes in the pastorate have been by the resignation of Rev. J. B. Breed, of the 1st Rumney church, to be succeeded by Rev I. W. Coombs, and of Rev. H. W. Dalton of the Second Sanbornton church, leaving a vacancy not yet filled.

The general tone of the letters from the churches was one of lamentation for declensions and troubles and want of revival. First Sanbornton reported interesting meetings with the aid of the workers of the Y. M. C. A., but resulting in no increase of the church. Meredith expects to have meetings under the same auspices early this year.

The Baker's River church, of Rumney, reported good revival of the church by meetings held with the help of the Committee of the Association and other brethren, and gave account of the earnest, though futile efforts made during the last two years, for a reconciliation and union of the two Baptist churches in that town.

Special interest in Sunday School work was reported from Woodstock, Meredith and North Conway.

There appeared to be some hope of the church in Hebron, and a Committee was again appointed to visit there and at New Hampton.

The interests of the Woman's Missionary Society were reported by Mrs. J. D. Tilton, the Associational Secretary, as feeling the depression of the "hard times," but yet persistently sustained by some earnest helpers who will not give up so good a cause.

A committee for protracted meetings with churches desiring them, was appointed for the year, and the principal committees for the next session were again nominated in advance.

The time of meeting was changed from the second to the *first* week in September, 1879, and Danbury was designated as the place.

A. V. Tilton.

Dublin Association. The sixty-ninth anniversary was held with the Baptist church at Peterborough, Sept. 5th and 6th. The weather was wet and lowery; yet a large number was present. The utmost harmony prevailed, and during the session there were excellent sermons, much singing, and good devotional meetings. The spirit of the Master pervaded all the deliberations. All the churches sent letters, and their material and spiritual prosperity seemed to be on the increase. Whole number baptized during the year, 33. Received by letter and experience, 20; total 53. Diminution from all causes, 55, including 14 dropped from the membership of the church at Peterborough. Fitzwilliam has settled Rev. Wm. Read of Littleton, Mass., in place of Rev. S. Latham. Pottersville has settled Rev. J. W. Merrill in place of Rev. C. Newhall. Antrim has recalled Rev. E. M. Shaw, the former pastor, and Hinsdale has settled Rev. C. A. Piddock, of Claremont. The largest number baptized and received by letter during the year were in the Peterborough and Hinsdale churches. The Marlow church still continues very small and feeble. The financial depression has been more or less felt by all the churches. Rev. J. S. Herrick, the beloved pastor of the church at Troy, is the longest settled of any minister in the Association. He has been pastor there more than fourteen years.

The churches of this Association are all holding on their way nobly.—The delegates this year seemed full of hope and courage, and determination to dedicate themselves more thoroughly to the work of the Lord. This Association is blessed with a good and faithful ministry, composed of tried men. In the contributions there was a slight falling off; but considering everything, the Association has great cause of rejoicing, hoping, and toiling on.

C. F. Myers.

Salisbury Association. The sixtieth session of this Association convened with the Pleasant Street Church, Concord, September 18 and 19. Its meetings were well attended and a general good feeling pervaded them all.

Thirteen of the fourteen churches comprising this Association, sent letters, which were usually of an encouraging nature, The churches reporting baptisms are as follows: Hopkinton, 5; Lake Village, 3; Bow, 8; First Concord, 22; Pittsfield, 12; First Fisherville, 29; Pleasant Street, Concord, 18; First Franklin Falls, 11. Total number of additions from all sources, 261; by baptism, 108; by letter, 122; of this number 94 come from the re-union of the Main Street and First Fisherville churches; by experience, 29; by restoration, 2; decrease from all sources, 45; gain 216. Our benevolent contributions compared with those of last year show a slight decrease. All our churches, except Gilmanton and Sutton, are supplied with pastors. During the year the church at Bow has called to its pastorate and ordained Bro. O. W. Kimball.

The church at Suncook has lost its house of worship, not by mortgage, however, but by fire, the work of incendiarism. Its pastor, Rev. Henry W. Tate, has secured some generous subscriptions toward the work of rebuilding, which will be commenced at once.

Pleasant Street, Concord, has been remodelled and enlarged. A committee was appointed to aid churches within the limits of this body that might desire help in special services.

An important feature in our Associational gathering this year was the discourse showing the "growth and enlargement of the Baptist denomination in New Hampshire," with personal reminiscences of its author, delivered by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., who has reached his fiftieth year of ministerial life.

Mrs. Dr. J. N. Murdock was present and gave an impetus to the Woman's Missionary work by a very practical and appropriate address.

E. C. SPINNEY.

MILFORD ASSOCIATION. The fiftieth anniversary was held Sept. 11th and 12th, with the church in Milford. Rev. A. Sherwin gave a historical address, and a copy of it was requested for publication. Revs. J. C. Foster, W. H. Eaton, D. Gage, and J. M. Coburn, who were formerly pastors in this Association, were present, and took part in a special service. Rev. P. Chamberlin, who was for many years an active member of this body, died during the year. He was a member of the church in Milford. Rev. W. R. Warner has left Lyndeborough, and is succeeded by Rev. H. G. Hubbard. Bro. J. D. Graham has left Greenville, which is at present without a pastor. Rev. F. E. Cleaves has become pastor at New Boston. The number of baptisms during the year was 144. Of these there were 57 at 1st Manchester, 34 at Nashua, and 25 at 2nd Manchester. The additions by letter and experience were 56. The diminutions were 102. Net increase, 98.

PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION. The fiftieth anniversary of this Association was held with the church in Dover, Sept. 18th and 19th. The meetings were well attended, and were marked for their harmony and spirituality. Letters were read from all the churches excepting Seabrook, which sent only statistics. Rev. Geo. S. Chase, of Northwood, has removed to Vermont, and Rev. E. L. Scott, of Brentwood, now serves as pastor at South Hampton. Three pastors have entered the Association, viz.: Rev. D. Taylor, to Northwood, Rev. J. Clement, to Chester, Rev C. Newhall, to Brentwood. One pastor has been removed by death, Rev. Horace Eaton, who for a year previous to his death in June last, had supplied the church in Chester, and rendered them very valuable aid in the erection of their new house of worship. At our last Association he spoke earnestly and feelingly in behalf of this enterprise. Twelve of the fifteen churches report pastors. Two, Stratham and Newton Junction, report a stated supply. One, Seabrook, reports itself as without a minister.

There is a hopeful outlook from all the churches, except Seabrook, which has had no meetings since June, and has no prospect of services being resumed.

The church in Chester dedicated its new house of worship in August. The church in Dover has made extensive repairs, remodelling the inside and beautifying the outside of their house of worship, re-dedicating it in September This church, also, observed its 50th anniversary the day previous to the convening of the Association. The church in Exeter is greatly bereaved in the death of Dea J. F. Moses, who, for sixty-two years served in this office. A praying man, a true and large hearted man, a man of influence in church and community has gone from earth to heaven.

The church in Great Falls, reports great trials, yet they have found them much more precious than gold, For nearly six months this church was deprived of the labors of its pastor, through sickness.

The church in Newton by advice of Council ordained in January as their

pastor, Rev. J. H. Wells. Seven churches report baptisms. Portsmouth 20; Exeter 10; Plaistow 8; Newton 5; So. Hampton 2; Great Falls 2; Chester 1. Additions by baptisms, 48; by letter, 34; by experience, 1; total 83. Decrease: by dismission, 22; by exclusion, 4; by death, 19; total 45; net increase, 28.

The Portsmouth church has passed through a precious revival; the Exeter church has enjoyed a quiet, but thorough work of grace; all the churches, save one, report services well attended, much interest in the preaching of the word, and expressions of an earnest desire for more spirituality and a deeper work of grace. At the close of the sessions many tender reminiscences of the past were called out, with kindly remembrance of the faithful men of God who have served this Association well, but now gone to their reward.

CHAS. A. TOWNE.

NEWPORT ASSOCIATION. This Association held its fiftieth anniversary with the church in New London, Sept. 25th and 26th. The semi-centennial of the Association was celebrated by appropriate exercises. Rev. S. C. Fletcher, pastor of the New London church, delivered a deeply impressive Historical Sermon; and very interesting reminiscences of the past fifty years were given by those interested in its work during that period. The fact that Rev. Ira Pearsons, familiarly known as Father Pearsons, who was Moderator when the Association was organized fifty years ago, was called to preside on this occasion was a striking coincidence, and deeply impressive. At the age of eighty-seven years, Father Pearsons retains in a remarkable manner his physical and mental powers, and he presided with great dignity and affability.

It was a privilege of no ordinary character to listen to the words of remembrance, instruction, and good cheer, such as were expressed by Rev. Ira Pearsons, of Newport, Rev. L. Hayden, D. D., Washington, D. C., Rev. D. Gage, of Manchester, our beloved State Missionary, Rev. A. P. Mason, D. D., of Boston, who addressed us on Home Missions, and Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., of Boston, who gave us a thrilling account of the progress of the gospel among the heathen, and especially of the recent revival among the Telogoos. No little interest was felt in the fact that the Association could celebrate its semi centennial under the shadow of Colby Academy, whose high standard of intellectual culture and moral purity, has in the past so largely blessed those who have been placed under its influence, while now it is so perfect in all its appointments that it is more fully equipped to send its streams of blessings through coming generations.

The churches, fourteen in number, were all, with one or two exceptions, represented by delegates, and reported by letter. While there has been no marked revivals in any of the churches during the past year, the most of them report a good degree of interest, and an awakening confidence in the use of divinely appointed means for accomplishing the purposes of the gospel of Christ. Eight of the churches report baptisms as follows: New London, 2; Cornish, 4; Canaan, 1; Hanover, 2; East Washington, 3; Claremont, 8; Lyme, 4; Lebanon, 11; total, 35. The additions by letter were 25; by experience, 8; total additions, 68. The diminutions, were: Dismissed, 42; Erased, 24; Excluded, 4; Deaths, 30; total, 100; making a net loss of 32. All the churches except Canaan, Goshen, and Unity, are supplied with the stated preaching of the gospel. Several of the brethren who were pastors during the current year, have closed their labors with their respective churches, viz.: Rev. H. C. Leavitt, of Newport, Rev. W. Hurlin, of Goshen, and Rev. S. S White, of Lyme. Two churches of the Association have settled pastors during the year. So. Acworth, Bro. J. D. Graham, and Lyme, Rev. E. P. Merrifield, of Vermont.

The Woman's Missionary Society still holds a place in the hearts of the sisters of our churches. They report a very interesting meeting during the Association held in the chapel, which was addressed by Mrs. Dr. Murdock, of Boston, and Mrs. Dr. Hayden, of Washington, D. C. Their money contributions from five of the churches amount to $119.82. The other contributions, reported in the letters from the churches are nearly as follows: Foreign Missions, $184.71; Home Missions, $288.50; Convention, $315.97; Minutes, $34.15; Miscellaneous $289.31; Home Objects, $5,166.50. Total for all purposes, $9.104,61.

The next meeting of the Association will be held with the church in Newport, the fourth Wednesday in Sept., 1879. Thus ends the first fifty years of this Association of christian churches. May the God of our fathers command the divine benediction upon their children, and may the fifty years to come be signalized by the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

G. A. Glines.

White Mountain Association. The thirty-fifth anniversary was held with the church in North Stratford, June 12th and 13th. Was encouraged and helped by the presence of a number of ministers from other Associations. Rev. S. A. Read has since then become pastor of the church in North Stratford. Rev. S. Dean is still pastor of the church in Lunenburg, Vt., and the other three churches are without pastors. The total number of church members in the Association is 161.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

BY REV. G. W. KINNEY.

Brethren of the Convention and Baptists of New Hampshire.—Permit me to offer for your consideration, the following subject, with such suggestions thereon as my poor ability and the limits of this circular will allow—"Spiritual Power the present great need of our churches."

No one doubts the reality of physical power and world power. Let no christian question the reality of a church power, a mighty spiritual force that dwells with and operates through the representative body of our ascended Lord, to save a lost world. It is not wealth, numbers, a popular ministry, imposing architecture and forms of religious service, material prosperity &c., but a potency of spirit as aggressive and irresistible as the light. For this gift of power the Jerusalem church was enjoined by Christ to wait, assured that when it should be received it would prepare them for the successful conquest of the nations and remain the permanent inheritance of the true church to the end.

In Convention, as also throughout the year, we are constantly reminded that New Hampshire has from twenty to thirty "feeble Baptist churches," whose weak and tottering steps must be supported by the staff of pecuniary aid which the stronger churches are able to offer. This is well, for "their debtors they are." But the fact is "The half was never told." Instead of a score and a half, there are in the State eighty-five Baptist Churches that show unmistakable signs of spiritual impotency. A church may be strong in means, talents, and human standards of power, and yet be impotent to accomplish the purpose for which it was ordained. As Dr. Fish well says in his tract on soul-saving—"The Founder of the church has made plain its object. It is to convert the world. He came to seek and save the lost; and his word is, "As the Father hath sent me into the world, even so have I sent you into the world;" i. e. with the same purpose—soul-saving." In proof that the poverty of means about which so much is said is not the most distressing weakness among us, I will ask you to follow me while I undertake to investigate the case somewhat.

There are seven Associations in the State, having, according to the last Convention Minutes, an aggregate membership of 9,044, showing an increase of 1,015 in the last nine years, an annual average of 112 7-9ths,—a gain of one to about 80. Ought not eighty church members—the Lord

being with them, to be able to gather more than one recruit a year in excess of the loss by desertion and death ? But the entire gain in the State for the period named was made in three of the Associations, viz: Salisbury, Milford and White Mountain, the other two having lost,—Meredith 35, and Portsmouth 52. The largest numerical increase is shown in the Milford, but more noteworthy is the fact that in the smallest and poorest—pardon the word—the White Mountain Association is found the largest per cent. of gain in the State on the total membership, it being full 90 per cent. greater than in the Milford.

This leads me to remark that no churches in the State exhibit so remarkable growth the nine years past as some of the weak wards of the Convention. Poor in means, they have proved rich in faith and good fruits. Several have doubled and almost trebled their membership, and one has increased almost *fourfold*, and that not through any considerable increase of population, but principally by conversions and baptisms. Thus some of what are called "the feeble churches," have given proof of the possession of more real spiritual power than has been witnessed in those we call "strong."

Why this is, I will not attempt to say, but would ask whether it is possible that the reason may be found in their more perfect faith and fidelity? Conscious weakness fosters a sense of dependence, and this makes true the paradox of the Apostle, "When we are weak then are we strong." Certain it is that they have commendably imitated the activity and self-denial of the early christians, and unparalleled growth has been the reward. Our stronger and self-supporting churches are doing little more than to sustain themselves and uphold a formal christianity, and find it hard to do this, instead of waging a vigorous and aggressive warfare against the realm of darkness, and some of our weak churches are seemingly determined to lean hard on the arm of the Convention, as long as it will carry them. The churches and ministry want more of the missionary spirit to help the weak and build up the waste places. But every church wants a whole minister, and is not willing to share with another the labors of a better man than it can support alone, and some ministers are unwilling to undertake to cultivate more than a single small patch in God's vineyard, and that must be a bed of roses without thorns. The Lord says to Zion, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, * * * spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes," but Zion answers back, "the ropes are out at full length and the tent pins are driven as hard as we can drive them."

In October, 1828, fifty years ago, the Milford Association was formed with a total membership of 720. During the ten years that followed there were baptised into its fellowship 1,177, or 457 more than it numbered at its organization.

In 1868, ten years ago, that body had a total of 1,732 members, more than twice what it had when constituted, yet in this last decade the baptisms have been 286 less than in the first. In the first period they were 160 per cent. of the original membership. In the latter they are scarcely 51 per

cent. of the membership in 1868, a difference of 109 per cent. These are startling figures. What is their lesson? Are our churches losing the power that was given them in other days? Was one christian fifty years ago worth more than three of the present day to win souls? We claim to have a better educated and more thoroughly fitted ministry, more efficient organization for christian work and an additional auxiliary force in the Sunday School which is regarded only second to the power of the church if, indeed, it is not sometimes placed in the first rank, yet we do not equal our fathers in efficient service in the spiritual field of battle.

At Newton, within the present limits of the Portsmouth Association, was constituted the first Baptist church in New Hampshire. There, was begun that valorous advance of our Baptist fathers in the name of the Lord and his truth, which carried the banner of "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism" in triumph over the State. Though sternly opposed at various points, our obnoxious faith rapidly won its way, planting its churches by the side of those which were already established under State patronage and successfully contesting the exclusive claim of the pre-occupants of the town-ship parishes. The Lord gave us power to go up and possess the land when we were few, feeble and poor. Now we have become a host and have wealth and respectability, it is hard work to even hold our own. Indeed, going back as far as 1843 and 4, when we had 108 churches and 10,536 members, 23 more churches and nearly 1500 more members than now, it looks very much as if we had not done this. Surely, brethren, if we cannot hold what we have gained it is vain for us to think of acquiring more. If we cannot gather into vessels the schools of fish that are already within our nets, it is useless for us to launch out into the deep for a draught.

Why is it, with all the modern improvements and appliances calculated to equip man for greater efficiency in all branches of service, that our churches are not equal to those of half a century ago as converting agencies? It would seem they ought to wield far greater power to-day per capita than then. Has the mine in which we delve become exhausted? Has the harvest nearly all been gathered so that the sheaves are few and small? Is society so completely evangelized that there remains only "here and there a traveller on the broad road to death?"

Doubtless a variety of apologies may be offered, but I think none that will fully meet the case. Should it be said there are more churches of various denominations of christians to claim the fealty of the population and share in the spoils of christian victory, I reply, instead of diminishing, this should rather increase the success of every branch of the gospel army.— Should it be said that there is a growing disregard of the Sabbath and disinclination to attend public worship; that as stated recently in a convention, infidelity is on the increase and the church is losing her power over adult minds and must hereafter gather her recruits from the ranks of childhood and youth, then I reply this is confessing that the church is weak and fails to fulfil her mission. She has committed to her, a gospel which is the

power of God to save every one who believes, and powerful enough to overcome unbelief in the hearts of men. Let her gird on the whole armor of God, bring up her reserve strength and charge all along the line against the enemy. If she does, victory will perch on her banners as sure as the Lord fights for his people.

From the *N. H. Gazetteer*, I learn that the leading evangelical denominations in the State, other than the Baptists, had forty-eight churches less in 1870 than in 1860. Total number of evangelical churches, including Baptist, in 1870, 517. The average of baptisms into our churches for the last nine years is three hundred and seventy-four. Allowing that all the evangelical churches are equally fortunate in accessions, we have a total annual addition to the christian population of the State of 2,244. From the same source I learn that 4,214 persons died in the State in 1870. This may be a little above or it may be below the average,—I have not the means of determining,—but it is clear that from 1,500 to 2,000 more persons die every year than are reached by the saving power of the churches. This is not a particularly encouraging fact. Our churches are full of talent, which if consecrated to the Lord and put into service for his glory, might be preaching and singing the gospel to sinners in every school house in the State. But here lies the great secret of the loss of power and want of success on the part of our churches. It is not that we have not money enough to support the appointments of the gospel; nor that we have not numbers sufficient to justify a more aggressive warfare; nor is it want of intelligence, capacity or ability on the part of the ministry or membership; but it is the utter absence of any idea of personal responsibility for the conversion of sinners from the mind of most members of our churches, and an absolute want of the spirit of consecration to the Master. Worldliness has bound hand and foot the energies of the church. Scarcely one member in twenty has any definite thought or purpose of being the instrument under God of the conversion of even one sinner, notwithstanding the reward promised. If it be taken for granted, that all in the churches are *regenerate* because thay have professed the fact, though it by no means insures it—it is sufficiently apparent that all are not *consecrated*. Not to allude to the inconsistent class, let me ask: Wherein do multitudes in our churches, who live sober and irreproachable lives, differ from the moral and upright men of the world? They never go after the lost sinner to seek his salvation, nor are their voices ever heard in prayer or proclaiming the message of good news to lost men. Rarely do they attend the covenant and prayer meeting. On the other hand they pursue the world with as evident zeal and relish as the men who lay no claim to piety. A christian who has no yearning for souls and neglects almost every religious duty is one of the strangest anomalies the sun shines upon, yet many such there are in the churches if we are to believe their professions. Then there are many that keep up the forms of godliness whose lives are powerless as spiritual agencies, so that very few actually watch for souls as

though they were charged with the duty of looking after their eternal state.

Dr. Fish, in the tract before referred to, says, "I have seen it stated that not one in five of all professors add perceptibly to the efficiency of the churches. Then there are thousands of christians who have yet to count their first convert to Christ; yea, who have yet to make their first honest effort to save a soul." What if the whole five-fifths, or even four-fifths were to throw their activities in the direction which the commission given to the church points? The record of the acts of the apostles describes some of the results that might be expected to follow. "And at that time —the martyrdom of Stephen—there was a great persecution against the church at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria except the apostles. * * * * Therefore, they—the common disciples—that were scattered abroad, went everywhere preaching the word." Philip preached Christ with great success at Samaria, "And there was great joy in that city." A little later it is recorded, "Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen, travelled as far as Phenice, Cyprus and Antioch, preaching the word to none but to the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. *And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord.*"

How much this reads like the history of the Baptist movement in this State a century ago. The Lord is the same now, human hearts are the same, the Holy Spirit has not been recalled. He is even now convincing thousands of sin, who, if they could but hear the voice of the church saying to them, "Come," would enter at once the open door of grace.

Go out then, over our Granite hills, ye heralds of the cross, go out into the highways and byways, into the school districts and homes of the people, all of you who have been called to be saints, and proclaim to every rational creature the glad tidings of salvation through Christ. Men of Israel of all ranks, help, help now to make every Baptist church in the State a soul-saving power. *Let each one of our over* 9000 *members go prayerfully, tearfully, wisely and patiently to work to save at least one soul the coming year, beginning the work at once,* and we will come to our next anniversary rejoicing over such numbers saved as no past twelve months has witnessed. Do you look upon this to be a Utopian task? Some of God's most humble archers have done far more than bring down one sinner in a year's time. You cannot tell but the Lord may give you *more* than one soul, until you try. But all doubts as to the wisdom of the undertaking and the possibility of success are put to silence by the word of the Lord, which declares that "He who converts a sinner from the error of his way, will save a soul from death and will hide a multitude of sins.'

Vastly good and vastly great this work which *you* may do, disciple of Jesus! Save a *soul!* *Hide* a multitude of *sins!* Covet the deed, and in the name of thy Lord *attempt* it, and if your faith does not fail you will succeed.

ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS IN THE STATE.

Adams, P. S., Newport.
Alden, W. H., Portsmouth.
Anderson, S. H., East Washington.
Barnes, L. C., Greenville.
Barnes, L. M., New Ipswich.
Barry, Royal, Carroll.
Breed, J. B., Rumney Depot.
Bromley, E., Pittsfield.
Brown, Amasa, Newton.
Bunker, V. E., North Sanbornton.
Burgess, I. J., Hampton Falls.
Chase, J. N., Exeter.
Cleaves, F. E., New Boston.
Clement, Joshua, Laconia.
Coburn, J. M., Pittsfield.
Coker, J., East Weare.
Coombs, I. W., Rumney.
Coombs, S., Fisherville.
Crocker, W., East Canaan.
Cummings, E. E., Concord.
Dean, L. J., East Jaffrey.
Dearborn, D. M., New Hampton.
Deming, D. P., Plainfield.
Eaton, W. H., Keene.
Eastman, T. B., North Sutton.
Emery, E. J., West Swanzey.
Fielden, J. F., Franklin Falls.
Fletcher, S. C., New London.
Fuller, O. P., Plaistow.
Gage, D., Manchester.
Garner, W. Y., Concord.
Gleason, T. C., North Conway.
Glines, G. A., Cornish Flat.
Hall, K. S., Lake Village.
Heald, A., Meriden.
Herrick, J. S., Troy.
Hooper, N., Exeter.
Hopkins, A. J., Dunbarton.
Hubbard, H. G., South Lyndeboro.
Hurlin, W., Antrim.
Kimball, O. W., Bow.
Kinney, G. W., Hudson Center.
Leavell, W. H., Manchester.
Leavitt, H. C., Newport.
Lerned, J. H., Amherst.
Libbey, W., East Wilton.
Mayhew, W. M., Woodstock.
Merriam, F., Danbury.
Merrifield, E. P., Lyme Center.
Merriman, T. M., Meredith Village.
Merrill, J. W., Pottersville.
Mitchell, J. B., Hinsdale.
Moody, R. B., Milford.
Newhall, C., Epping.
Nichols, C. R., Bradford.
Nichols, J. H., Goffstown Center.
Nicholson, G. W., Nashua.
Pearson, Ira, Newport.
Piddock, C. A., Hinsdale.
Pepper, E., Bradford.
Poland, J. W., Goffstown Center.
Rankin, F. W. A., Sanbornton.
Read, S. A., Coos.
Read, W., Fitzwilliam.
Richardson, D. F., Hanover.
Scott, E. L., South Hampton.
Shaw, E. M., Antrim.
Sherwin, A., Manchester.
Smith, E. H., Hanover.
Smith, G. B., West Plainfield.
Smith, W. B., Fisherville.
Spinney, E. C., Concord.
Stevens, L. C., Great Falls.
Stewart, W. H., Exeter.
Stoddard, D. H., Great Falls.
Stowell, A. S., Salem Depot.
Streeter, H. B., Hinsdale.
Strong, J. E., Manchester.
Swaim, J. S., Claremont.
Tate, H. W., Suncook.
Taylor, D., East Northwood.
Tilden, N. F., Lebanon.
Tilton, A. V., Campton Village.
Tilton, J. D., Rumney.
Towne, C. A., Dover.
Tucker, W. S., Hopkinton.
Upton, J., Epping.
Walker, H, O., Deerfield Center.
Walker, W. H., Warner.
Wells, J. H., Newton.
White, S. S., South Hampton.
Whittemore, J. L., Richmond.
Wing, O., Newton Junction.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of ministers and messengers, not exceeding five to a church, who shall be members of the church which they represent, and shall be known under the name which it shall place at the head of its minutes, at the first session after the adoption of this constitution.

ART. 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of the intimate fellowship of the churches, and the increase of experimental, doctrinal, and practical piety. It may open and continue correspondence with other associations and ecclesiastical bodies, as it shall judge proper; and shall have power to regulate its own concerns, and, in general, to transact any business necessary to carry out its objects. It shall meet at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by vote.

ART. 3. At the opening of each session, the clerk of the preceding year, or, in his absence, the oldest settled pastor present, shall call the meeting to order, and preside till, by a plurality of votes by ballot, which may elect, a moderator shall be chosen. The moderator shall then call for a clerk and treasurer to be chosen in the same manner; but an assistant clerk and auditors may be chosen by acclamation or other sign. The moderator shall preside at all meetings, maintain order, and nominate all committees, unless otherwise ordered. The clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of all doings of the association, prepare them for the press, and obey all orders in respect to their disposition. The treasurer shall keep all moneys and effects of the association paid in for charitable or other purposes, and dispose of them according to the wish of the donors, or the direction of the association. At each session, immediately after the choice of officers, public worship shall be held, at the close of which a collection may be taken for the widows and children of Baptist ministers, deceased within this body.

ART. 4. Churches may be received into this association on application by letter, and furnishing satisfactory evidence of their union with us in the summary of faith and practice, as published by the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, and their willingness to conform to the rules of this body; whereupon the moderator shall give one of its messengers the right-hand of fellowship. Any church shall be at liberty to discontinue its connection with the association, by asking dismission from it, which shall be considered no breach of fellowship. Any church neglecting to report to the association for two successive years, shall be visited by a committee, to ascertain its condition, and to give advice and assistance, which committee shall make a report of facts at the next session. Whilst as an association we disclaim all power over the churches, as respects their independence and discipline, we claim the right to drop any church which may become corrupt in doctrine or practice, and to publish our reasons for so doing.

ART. 5. Every church shall send, with its pastor and messengers, to the association, annually, a letter giving an account of its condition, particularly stating its statistics of membership, and whatever may relate to its internal or external affairs. It shall also forward, at the same time, its porportion of money for publishing the minutes.

ART. 6. This association shall be a missionary society, auxiliary to the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, through which the churches connected with it may convey their moneys or other charities to aid foreign and domestic missions, the education of young men called to the ministry, or other benevolent objects; and a portion of the time at each session may be given to these subjects.

ART. 7. Any association may propose an amendment to this constitution, and send its proposal to the other associations; and when the amendment shall have been approved by a majority vote in each of two thirds of the associations, it shall be considered a part of the constitution.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Ministers present invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects, but vote on none.
3. No subject shall be discussed without motion first made and seconded.
4. No person shall speak oftener than twice upon the same motion, without permission of the moderator.
5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded upon the minutes, unless so ordered.
6. If, when a motion has been made and seconded, a member objects to its discussion, the moderator shall immediately put the question, Shall this motion be discussed? If the question be negatived, the subject shall then be dismissed.
7. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided, at the request of any member.
8. All new and unusual matters intended for the association shall first be submitted to the committee of arrangements, and their presentation shall be subject to the decision of that committee.
9. On the opening of the business meeting, on the second day, the names of the messengers from the churches shall be read, and the names of those who have not been present during the session shall be struck off, except in the case of licentiates and ministers, whose absence shall be denoted by a mark.
10. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the association.
11. The constitution, with these rules, shall be distinctly read from the chair, immediately after the organization of the association.

MINUTES OF ASSOCIATIONS.

MEREDITH ASSOCIATION.

FORMED 1789.

NORTH CONWAY, Sept. 11, 1878.

1. The Meredith Association met with the church in North Conway, and was called to order by the Clerk at 10 o'clock A. M.

2. Rev. F. Merriam was chosen Moderator, Rev. A. V. Tilton, Clerk and Treasurer, and Bro. C. G. Webster, Auditor.

3. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. H. Stoddard, of Great Falls.

4. The Constitution and Rules of Order were read by the Clerk.

5. The usual invitation was extended to visiting brethren. There were present Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., of Boston, Corresponding Secretary of the A. B. Missionary Union; Rev. D. H. Stoddard, of the Portsmouth Association; and Rev. J. F. Fielden, of the Salisbury.

6. The History of the church in Danbury was read by the pastor, Rev. F. Merriam, and was accepted to be placed on file.

7. Vacancies in Committees appointed last year were filled and new Committees were appointed as follows:

On Temperance—Rev. T. M. Merriman.

On State Convention—Rev. J. D. Tilton, Bro. S. H. Dow.

On State of Religion—Rev. T. C. Gleason, Dea. A. Kimball, Rev. V. E. Bunker.

On Ministerial Education—Rev. A. V. Tilton.

On Benevolence—Rev. J. F. Fielden, Breth. J. B. Huse and O. E. Brown.

On Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. J. N. Murdock, Mrs. J. D. Tilton, Mrs. O. E. Brown.

On Arrangements for next Session—Rev. T. M. Merriman, Breth. F. Spencer and S. H. Dow.

On changing time of Annual Session—Rev. V. E. Bunker, Breth. J. B. Huse and O. E. Brown.

On Finance—Bro. S. H. Dow, Deas. A. Kimball and A. Canny.

8. At 11 o'clock suspended business to listen to the Annual Sermon, which, in the absence of both appointees, was preached by Rev. T. M. Merriman, from Luke 12: 32; Subject: "The God-given share of the Baptists in the Possession and the work of Acquisition of the Kingdom of

Heaven among men." Rev. J. F. Fielden conducted the devotional exercises.

9. A collection was taken for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, amounting to $4.03.

10. The letter from this church welcoming the Association, was then read, after which the

11. Committee of Arrangements reported orders of Exercises, substantially as follows in these records.

12. The letter from the First Sanbornton Church was next read, after which the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. Murdock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

13. The Association met again at 2 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. D. Tilton.

14. The reading of the letters from the churches was resumed and completed in order.

15. The first question in order for discussion having been dispensed with by vote, the next was taken up, viz: "What is the Bible Plan for raising Funds for Church Purposes?" and was discussed earnestly, by Brethren Bunker, Dow, Fielden, Stoddard, and J. D. Tilton, until half past five o'clock, when it was referred to a committee for resolutions.

16. The ladies retired at 3 o'clock to Academy Hall, to hold a meeting in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society, under charge of the Associational Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Tilton, and were addressed by Mrs. Dr. Murdock.

17. After prayer by the Clerk, the Association adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

18. A prayer meeting, led by Bro. O. E. Brown, was held from half past seven to eight o'clock, after which

19. Dr. Murdock preached from Acts 13: 2–4; Subject: "The Combined Agency of the Holy Spirit and the Churches in Christian Missions." Rev. J. D. Tilton assisted in the devotional exercises.

20. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. M. Merriman.

THURSDAY FORENOON.

21. A prayer meeting at 9 o'clock was led by Rev. J. F. Fielden.

22. Business was resumed at 9.45, prayer being offered by Rev. V. E. Bunker.

23. The list of delegates present was read by the Clerk.

24. And it was voted that the Moderator appoint in advance the Committees for the next annual session.

25. The Committee on Temperance reported by Rev. T. M. Merriman, as follows:

"*Whereas*, The chief hindrance to the triumph of the Temperance Re-

form is in the licensed and unlicensed sale of intoxicating drinks: therefore,

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Baptist churches of this Association, declare, that, in our opinion, it is the duty of all good citizens to use all their influence to oppose all sale of spirituous liquors, as beverages, with all the restraints known to civil law."

After remarks, the report was adopted with the following amendment, offered by Bro. S. H. Dow,—"Regarding the use of tobacco as destructive alike to purity, vigor and strength, we deem it the duty of all christians to abstain from its use."

26. The Committee on the State of Religion, reported by Rev. T. C. Gleason, that in view of the small number of conversions reported, with the lamentation for trials and spiritual barrenness of some of the churches, these passages of Holy Writ are monitory. "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall," and "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing,"—and the report was adopted.

27. *Voted*, To dispense with a report on Ministerial Education.

28. The report on Benevolence was presented with earnest remarks by Bro. O. E. Brown, and after spirited discussion by Brethren Fielden, Stoddard, Bunker, Merriman, A. V. Tilton and S. H. Dow, was adopted as follows:

"*Whereas*, God never demands more than what He gives ability for, and we are to 'fear not,' believing 'it is our Father's good pleasure to give us the Kingdom,' therefore,

Resolved, That it is our imperative duty to promptly respond to the demands of the Great Head of the church for the needs of the constantly enlarging work of christian missions."

29. The Committees on arrangements for next session united in the following report, which, after discussion, was finally adopted, viz.:

That the *place* be *Danbury ;* the *time* the *first week* in September, 1879; the preacher of the Annual Sermon, Rev. T. C. Gleason, alternate Rev. I. W. Coombs; of the Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. W. M. Mayhew, alternate Rev. J. D. Tilton.

30. At 11 o'clock Rev. A. V. Tilton preached the Doctrinal Sermon on the Perseverance of the Saints, from 2d Timothy, 2: 19, Rev. D. H. Stoddard assisting in the devotional exercises.

31. Adjourned after the sermon, with prayer by Bro. Stoddard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

32. Met again at 2 o'clock, and opened with prayer by Rev. T. C. Gleason.

33. The chair announced the Committees for the next annual session, as follows:

On Arrangements—Rev. F. Merriam, Deas. Huntoon and Danforth.

On State of Religion—Revs. J. D. Tilton, T. C. Gleason, Bro. S. H. Dow.

On Temperance—Rev. F. W. A. Rankin, Bro. J. B. Huse, Bro. F. Spencer.

On State Convention—Rev. A. V. Tilton, Dea. I. Woodman, Dea. A. Kimball.

On Benevolence—Rev. V. E. Bunker, Dea. A. Canny, Dea. L. Seavey.

On Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. J. D. and A. V. Tilton, Mrs. W. M. Mayhew.

34. A Committee was also appointed to co-operate with the churches in holding special meetings when desired as follows : Revs. J. D. and A. V. Tilton, T. C. Gleason, T. M. Merriman and V. E. Bunker.

35. The Committee on Finance reported by Bro. S. H. Dow, that the contributions and the collection for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, amounting to $7, be paid to Sister B. Pierce, of North Conway; and, that the churches pay five cents per member for the Minutes. Adopted. ($7. additional was subsequently collected for Sister Pierce by Mrs. Dow of the Campton church, and forwarded.)

36. A report in regard to the delinquent churches of Hebron and New Hampton was given by Rev. J. D. Tilton, followed with remarks by Rev. V. E. Bunker, with recommendation of continued labor to procure reports and histories from these churches next year if possible. This was adopted, and Revs. J. D. Tilton and V. E. Bunker were appointed to the work.

37. The report on the work of the State Convention was presented by Rev. J. D. Tilton, with important statements in regard to the comparative neglect of this interest by many of the churches, and, after remarks by Rev. J. F. Fielden, was adopted as follows:

"*Whereas*, Several of the churches of this Association still need help in sustaining the Gospel, and,

Whereas, These, and others of our churches have been greatly aided and encouraged in years past by our State Convention; therefore,

Resolved, That, acknowledging our debt of gratitude, we are still obligated to contribute as much as, or more than in time past to its funds so that the churches in our own Association and other parts of the State may be sustained, and also new churches may be planted where needed."

38. The report of the Woman's Missionary Society, by Mrs. J. D. Tilton, was received and adopted as follows: "That, although no new Circles have been formed during the year, and those already existing, have felt very much the stringency of the 'times,' yet there is an unabated interest in the hearts of many earnest women which allows no thought of discouragemen or failure."

39. At 3 o'clock a sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Fielden, on Christ's Example in the Sacrifice of Self, Rev. J. D. Tilton assisting in the devotional exercises.

40. The Minutes were read by the Clerk, and corrected, and it was voted that he condense them, at discretion, for printing.

41. The question, "How shall the piety of the Churches be increased?" was taken up and discussed by Rev. V. E. Bunker, and then laid upon the table.

42. *Voted*, That the Clerk report the Association to the meeting of the State Convention, and by him

43. To request Histories, to be read at the next session, from the churches in Hebron, Campton and Meredith.

44. *Voted*, Hearty thanks to the church and people of North Conway for their generous hospitality.

45. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. O. E. Brown.

THURSDAY EVENING.

46. A prayer meeting was held, conducted by the Clerk, until 8 o'clock, when

47. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Tilton, from 1st Peter, 3: 3, on the Gospel Ideal of Womanhood. Rev. V. E. Bunker assisted in the devotional exercises.

48. After disposition of unfinished business, fitting remarks were made by Rev. V. E. Bunker, the Moderator being absent, and the Association, by vote, adjourned to meet at Danbury on the first Wednesday in September, 1879.

49. Prayer and benediction by the Clerk.

F. MERRIAM, *Moderator.*

A. V. TILTON, *Clerk.*

DUBLIN ASSOCIATION.

FORMED 1809.

PETERBOROUGH, Sept. 5, 1878.

1. The Association was called to order by Rev. C. F. Myers, the Clerk of last year, at 10 A. M. Half an hour was spent in prayer and conference.

2. A ballot for officers was then taken, with the following result: Moderator, Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D.; Clerk, Rev. C. F. Myers, A. B.; Assistant Clerk, Rev. E. M. Shaw, A. B.; Treasurer, Jos. Hammond, Esq.

3. The Moderator read the Rules of Order.

4. The pastors present were, Revs. E. J. Emery, W. H. Eaton, C. A. Piddock, C. F. Myers, E. M. Shaw, L. J. Dean, J. W. Merrill and J. L. Whittemore.

5. *Voted*, To invite visiting ministers to a seat with us. The following brethren accepted the invitation: Rev. A. Pollard, D. D., of the Baptist Publication Society; Rev. D. Gage, Agent for the N. H. Baptist Convention; and Revs. Messrs. Harrison and Felt, Methodist ministers.

6. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., and Rev. E. J. Emery assisted in the devotional exercises. Singing by the choir.

7. A collection was taken for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, amounting to $5.30.

8. The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—Bro. C. Wilder, Rev. E. M. Shaw, Bro. J. P. Pierce.

On Circular Letter—Revs. L. J. Dean, J. W. Merrill, Bro. D. H. Goodell.

On State of Religion—Revs. J. L. Whittemore, C. F. Myers, Bro. M. Wilson.

On Beneficence—Revs. E. M. Shaw, W. Read, Bro. M. A. Brown.

On Next Session—Revs. E. J. Emery, W. H. Eaton, Bro. W. A. Horton.

On Temperance—Revs. C. A. Piddock, L. J. Dean, Bro. H. A. Firmin.

9. Heard the letter of welcome from the church at Peterborough.

10. Adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., after prayer by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

11. Met at 1.30 o'clock for a devotional meeting, conducted by Rev. E. J. Emery. A goodly number of brethren participated in this meeting.

12. At 2 o'clock, prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Shaw. The reading of the letters was resumed, and continued till the whole were read. The letters were full of hope and determination to go forward in the good work. During the year, 33 have been added by baptism, and 20 by letter and experience. This is a gain over last year. The Peterborough and Hinsdale churches have added the most.

13. At 3 o'clock, the sisters withdrew to French's Hall, and held a very interesting Missionary Meeting, which continued three quarters of an hour. Papers were read by Mrs. W. H. Eaton, and Mrs. L. J. Dean. Reports were made by sisters from most of the churches.

In the meantime, a general Conference was held by the Brethen, in regard to the progress of religion in the churches.

14. At 3.45 o'clock, Rev. C. A. Piddock preached an interesting and instructive sermon. Text, Rev. 20: 12.—"And the Books were Opened."

15. Adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, after prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

16. Met at 6.30 o'clock. Praise and prayer meeting for half an hour, led by Bro. Plummer Pierce.

17. At 7 o'clock, the Association was called to order by the Moderator; prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Merrill, and there was singing by the choir.

18. A sermon was preached by Rev. E. M. Shaw. Theme: "What is it to serve our present age?"

19. Bro. C. Wilder reported for the Committee of Arrangements, and the report was adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. E. M. Shaw.

FRIDAY MORNING.

20. Rev. J. L. Whittemore conducted a thirty minutes' prayer meeting.

At 9.30 o'clock, the Association was called to order, and sung the song beginning: "The mistakes of my life have been many;" and Bro. Jos. Hammond offered prayer.

21. The Committee on Circular Letter reported that the appointee had removed from the Association, and that the alternate was sick. Accepted.

22. The Committee on Beneficence reported, through Rev. E. M. Shaw.

"In view of the signal manner in which God has blessed the various benevolent enterprises of his church, and is just now crowning with wonderful success our work in foreign fields,

Resolved, That we cannot afford any retrenchment in these directions for the year to come. We recommend the N. H. Baptist Convention, the Missionary Union, the Home Mission Society, and the Publication Society, to the earnest, prayerful and liberal support of the churches. Let them attempt greater things, and hope for greater things. We also recognize with devout gratitude the growing aid of the Woman's Missionary Society, and commend its good work."

23. The Committee on next session reported through Rev. W. H. Eaton.

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the church in Troy, that Rev. E. J. Emery preach the sermon, and Rev. C. F. Myers be alternate; that Rev. J. L. Whittemore write the Circular Letter, and Rev. E. M. Shaw be alternate.

24. The Committee on Temperance reported through Rev. C. A. Piddock:

"*Whereas*, We, as an Association, realize in some degree the enormity of intemperance, and its blasting influence, therefore,

Resolved, That in our opinion, the church of Christ is the only organization which can be depended on to permanently advance the principles of total abstinence.

Resolved, That Christ is the only hope of the drunkard, and that our churches should hold up no lower standard to be followed.

Resolved, That in the future we will strive more fully to occupy this high position, and more faithfully to carry forward this work.

25. The Committee on the state of Religion reported:

That all the eleven churches of the Association have been represented. All have pastors except Marlow. Two or three churches have enjoyed revival influences, and nearly all manifest a hopeful spirit, notwithstanding the financial depression. Some of the churches feel the loss by death of much esteemed members. Two pastors have resigned, Rev. C. Newhall, of Pottersville, who is succeeded by Rev. J. W. Merrill, and Rev. S. Latham, of Fitzwilliam, who is succeeded by Rev. Wm. Read, of Littleton, Mass.

26. The Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans' Fund reported as follows:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DUBLIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Sept. 6, 1877.	To deposits in Cheshire Prov. Ins. for Savings July 1, 1877.....	$694.26	
" "	" Cash received at last Session.....	17.40	
July 1, 1878.	" Interest on deposit in Sav. Ins.....	36.01	
			$747.67

CONTRA.

Sept. 6, 1878. By amount in the hands of Trustees....$747.67

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JOSEPH HAMMOND,
W. H. EATON,
E. J. EMERY, } *Trustees.*

Having attended to the duty assigned us, we find this account properly vouched and cast.

WILLIAM A. HORTON,
ZIBA WARE, } *Auditors.*

27. Rev. D. Gage spoke for half an hour in regard to State work in the Baptist churches.

28. Rev. A. Pollard, D. D., spoke in behalf of the Baptist Publication Society.

29. A vote of thanks was passed to the Peterborough church for its generous and ample hospitality.

30. The Moderator spoke for 25 minutes, showing how the gospel as held by the Baptists, has extended itself in New Hampshire, and over the world. The choir rendered a beautiful selection.

31. *Voted*, To adjourn to meet with the church at Troy on the first Thursday of September, 1879.

Benediction by the Moderator.

W. H. EATON, *Moderator.*

C. F. MYERS, *Clerk.*

SALISBURY ASSOCIATION.

FORMED 1818.

CONCORD, Sept. 18, 1878.

1. The sixtieth annual session of the Salisbury Baptist Association, convened at 10.15 A. M., with the Pleasant Street Church.

2. The Association was called to order by the Clerk of the previous year.

3. The organization was effected by the choice of the following officers: Moderator, Rev. W. B. Smith; Clerk, Rev. E. C. Spinney, Assistant Clerk, Rev. A. J. Hopkins; Treasurer, J. S. Brown; Auditors, Dea. J. Currier, H. S. Fairbanks.

4. In the absence of J. S. Brown, Dea. J. Currier was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.*

5. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D.

6. The Constitution and Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

7. Invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by the following persons: Rev. D. Taylor, Portsmouth Association; Rev. Lucian Hayden, D. D., Washington, D. C.; Rev. Arthur W. H. Eaton, Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., Secretary of Missionary Union, Boston, Mass.

8. *Committee of Arrangements*—Revs. E. C. Spinney, K. S. Hall, H. W. Tate.

9. Report of Treasurer submitted; voted to accept and adopt.

10. Bro. J. S. Brown, Trustee of Widows and Orphans' Fund, made his report, which was adopted.

11. Bro. J. S. Brown was appointed to act as Trustee of the Widows and Orphans' Fund for the ensuing year.

12. The letter from the Pleasant Street Church was read.

13. *Committee on Next Session*—Revs. J. F. Fielden, J. Coker, K. S. Hall.

14. *Committee on Resolutions*—Revs. E. Pepper, W. S. Tucker, Edwin Bromley.

15. Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

16. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Smith, Text, John 2: 5; theme, "The moral necessity of instant, unquestioning obedience, as the great principle of Christian duty." Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. F. Fielden.

17. The annual collection for Widows and Orphans' Fund was taken, amounting to $14.66.

18. The matured report of the Committee of Arrangements was made and adopted.

19. Adjourned with prayer by Dea. A. Hamilton.

AFTERNOON.

20. Convened at 1 P. M. Prayer by Rev. Edwin Bromley.

21. Singing.

22. Letters from the churches were read.

23. Historical address by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D. Text, Ps. 116; 7; Theme, "The growth of the Baptist Denomination in New Hampshire," with personal reminiscences of the speaker. Rev. Dr. Lucian Hayden assisted in the devotional services. Remarks by Rev. S. Coombs.

24. *Resolved*, That the Committee on next session be the Committee on the order of business at our next annual gathering, with the pastor of the church entertaining the Body as Chairman.

25. Report of Committee on next session was presented and adopted. Annual Sermon, Rev. K. S. Hall; alternate, Rev. O. W. Kimball; Essay, Rev. Henry W. Tate; alternate, Rev. Edwin Bromley; Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. A. J. Hopkins; alternate, Rev. E. Pepper; for place of meeting, Pittsfield.

26. Committee on Resolutions recommended endorsing the resolutions upon Temperance and Benevolence as they stand in the Minutes of 1877.

On Temperance: Resolved, That we heartily bid God-speed to all Associations organized for the spread of the principles of temperance, and that we will do what we can to aid in the good work.

On Benevolence: Resolved, We express anew our undiminished interest in the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the American

Baptist Home Mission Society, the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, and the Bible and Publication Societies of our Denomination.

27. *Resolved*, That the business of the Association be compressed into one day.

After Remarks by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., Revs. W. S. Tucker, J. F. Fielden, E. Pepper, W. V. Garner, S. Coombs, A. J. Hopkins and Dea. A. Hamilton, it was voted to lay the resolution on the table for consideration at next session.

28. *Voted*, To hear the essay, which was read by Rev. J. Coker; Theme, "The energy, latent in our churches."

29. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. M. Coburn.

EVENING.

30. Association called to order at 7.30.

31. Sermon by the Secretary of the Missionary Union, Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., Boston, Mass. Text, Phil. 3: 8. Introductory services were conducted by Rev. W. V. Garner and Rev. D. Taylor, of Northwood. Following the sermon were addresses by Revs. J. F. Fielden and Edwin Bromley.

32. Adjourned till 9 A. M. Thursday, to be preceded by an hour of prayer and conference.

THURSDAY MORNING.

33. Convened at 8 o'clock. The social service was conducted by Rev. J. F. Fielden.

34. Resumed business at 9.

35. Prayer by Bro. M. B. Critchett.

36. The history of the Dunbarton church was read by Rev. A. J. Hopkins.

37. *Resolved*, That the histories of the churches presented to this Association be deposited with the State Historical Society by the Clerk of the Association, if such arrangements can be made with the Society.

38. The Moderator was requested to furnish the sermon he preached before the Association, for publication in the *Watchman*.

39. Rev. Dr. E. E. Cummings was also asked to put his historical discourse in pamphlet form for circulation.

40. The Committee of Arrangements were instructed to secure some one to prepare a history of one of the churches in the Association to be read at the next session.

41. Revs. J. F. Fielden, E. C. Spinney and Bro. M. B. Critchett were appointed a Committee to provide help for churches in the Association desiring aid in special religious services.

42. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be presented to our Brethren and Sisters of the Pleasant Street Church for their abundant hospitality in entertaining the Association.

43. Voted to adjourn.

44. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Lucian Hayden.

W. B. SMITH, *Moderator.*

E. C. SPINNEY, *Clerk.*

MILFORD ASSOCIATION.

FORMED 1828.

MILFORD, Sept. 11, 1878.

1. The fiftieth anniversary session of this Association was organized by the choice of Rev. G. W. Kinney, Moderator; S. S. Davis, Clerk; and Dea. Geo. Holbrook, Treasurer.

2. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Foster, of Randolph, Mass.

3. Reading Rules of Order.

4. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. The following responded; Rev. J. C. Foster, Randolph, Mass.; Rev. W. H. Eaton, Dublin Association; Rev. A. Heald, Newport Association; Rev. W. A. Worthington, Merrimack River Association, Mass.; Rev. A. P. Mason, Baptist Home Mission Society.

5. The Moderator appointed Committee on Order of Business: Revs. R. B. Moody, J. H. Nichols and Bro. J. E. Bennett.

6. Letter from the church in Milford was read.

7. Partial report of the Committee on Order of Business, followed by the preaching of the Annual Sermon by Rev. A. S. Stowell. Text, Romans 8:38, 39.

8. Collection for Widows and Orphans' Fund, $7.91.

9. The following Committees were announced by the Moderator.

On Widows and Orphans' Fund—Rev. A. Sherwin and Bros. J. M. Flanders and G. F. Bartlett.

State Convention—Revs. D. Gage, J. H. Lerned, L. M. Barnes.

Benevolence—Revs. A. S. Stowell, Wm. Libbey, Bro. J. F. Wheeler.

Next Session—Rev. L. C. Barnes and Bros. J. A. Holt and George Holbrook.

Obituaries—Rev. W. H. Leavell, H. G. Hubbard, F. E. Cleaves.

Temperance—Rev. G. W. Nicholson and Bros. D. Putnam and J. H. Fisher.

Auditing Accounts—Bros. O. Hardy and H. R. Wheeler.

10. Committee on Order of Business submitted a report which was adopted.

11. Letters from the churches in Londonderry and New Boston were read, after which the local Committee on Entertainment made an announcement.

12. Adjourned at 12 M., after prayer by Rev. J. M. Coburn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

13. Re-assembled at 1.30. Prayer and praise service led by Rev. D. Gage.

14. At same hour the Woman's Foreign Mission Society held a meeting in Burns' Hall.

15. Prayer by Rev. A. Heald.

16. The reading of the letters from the churches was completed.

17. At 3 o'clock Historical Address by Rev. A. Sherwin, which was ordered entered with the records of this meeting.

18. Collection for the purchase of a record book for the Clerk. Amount $4.17.

19. *Voted*, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency and expense of printing the entire records of this session. Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Bros. H. R. Wheeler and J. E. Bennett were appointed.

20. Committee on order of business reported, which was adopted.

21. After prayer, adjourned at 4.30, to meet at 7 in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

22. Praise service, led by N. O. Prescott, of Nashua.

23. Prayer by Rev. A. Worthington, of Mass.

24. Committee on order of business reported, which was adopted.

25. The special order for this evening was then announced by the Moderator, viz: A re-union of past and present pastors and members of churches of this Association. The services of this evening were exceedingly interesting and instructive. Rev. J. C. Foster, formerly a member of this Association, and present at its organization fifty years ago, spoke of the churches and pastors at that time. The following former pastors also addressed the meeting: Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., Rev D. Gage, Rev. J. M. Coburn. Present pastors, Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Rev. W. H. Leavell, Rev. L. C. Barnes, Rev. R. B. Moody, and the Moderator, Rev. G. W. Kinney.

26. After singing,

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,"

the meeting adjourned to 8.30 in the morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

27. Devotional service, led by Rev. W. A. Worthington, of Mass.

28. Prayer by Rev. A. Sherwin.

29. List of delegates read and corrections made.

30. Committee on State Convention reported:

Resolved, That it is with grateful hearts that we acknowledge the great goodness of our Heavenly Father to us during the fifty years since the organizatlon of this body.

Resolved, That we, as a branch of the State Convention, will endeavor to do our whole duty in sustaining the preached gospel among the feeble churches, and in the destitute portions of our beloved State. Adopted.

31. Report of Committee on Widows and Orphans' Fund:

Whereas:, The number of beneficiaries are increasing and the contributions of the last year were less than one half that of the preceding year, only about one-third of the benefits rendered, therefore,

Resolved, That it is especially desirable that all the churches endeavor to carry out the theory of this Association, and take a contribution sometime in each year for that object. Adopted.

32. Report of the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH THE MILFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, Sept. 11, 1878.

To deposits in Nashua Savings Bank	$1235.44	
" bond of New London L. and S. Institution,	500.00	
" coupons " " " "	15.00	
" receipts of present Association	34.10	
		$1784.54

EXPENDED,

Nov. 12, 1877, Paid express on bond	$1.00	
Feb. 22, 1878, " Mrs. C. K. Chaffin	25.00	
July 16, " " " Elvia A. Peacock,	25.00	
" 27, " " " C. K. Chaffin	2500	
		$76.00
		$1708.54

Accepted.

33. Auditors' report:

We have this day examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Treasurer of this Association, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The report was accepted, and Geo. Holbrook, John D. Chandler and D. P. Perkins were elected Trustees for the ensuing year.

34. The Committee on next session reported, recommending that the next session be held with the Baptist Church in Greenville. Preacher of the Annual Sermon, Rev. W. H. Leavell; alternate, Rev. J. H. Nichols. Adopted.

35. The Committee on obituaries reported as follows:

In going through the letters of the churches, we find but a small number of members that have been called away during the past year. There have been twenty-four deaths in all, the largest number in any one church being five. Among the prominent brethren who have passed away are Rev. Philip Chamberlin, who was for many years an active member of this body, and died in the fellowship of the Milford Church. Also, John Hartshorn, a deacon of the Lyndeborough Church, who was faithful in the vineyard of the Lord. And Jesse T. Plummer, a worthy member of the church in Goffstown. He died at the ripe age of eighty-five years, was

a member thirty years and was a firm supporter of the Gospel ministry. We mourn the loss of those who have been taken, and are grateful that the Lord has not more sadly decimated our ranks. Adopted.

36. Report of Committee on Temperance.

Resolved, That we request the churches of this Association to strengthen their position on total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, and that we recommend the pastors to use every laudable means to awaken an increased interest in the cause among the people. Adopted.

37. Report of Committee on Benevolence.

Whereas, The benevolent work of the church is one of vast importance, and its influence for good so great that it cannot be overestimated, we again commend to the churches of this Association a prayerful attention to it, especially to the work of Missions. By the recent wonderful success of the Teloogoo mission, God is calling more imperatively upon the Baptist churches of America for a deeper interest in the foreign work, therefore we urge upon the churches regular and hearty support of the monthly missionary concert, and earnest effort for increased contributions for this object, and at the same time greater effort than ever for the support of the home work. We would also recommend an annual collection for the work of the Education Society. Adopted.

38. Rev. A. P. Mason of Boston presented the claims of Home and Foreign Missions.

39. *Voted*, That all records, documents, and papers belonging to this Association be placed in the hands of the Clerk.

40. The special committee appointed last year on donations from the Widows and Orphans' Fund reported, which was amended by substituting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rules governing the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, passed at the session held in 1869, be rescinded. Adopted as amended.

41. Collection for the purchase of books for the Clerk, $9.34.

42. *Voted*, That the Clerk be paid five dollars yearly for his services.

43. *Voted*, That each church be requested to prepare a brief history for publication with the proceedings of this semi-centennial session to be forwarded to the Clerk.

44. *Voted*, That the special committee proceed with the publication of these records, provided sufficient funds shall be contributed, and that the Clerk be added to the committee.

45. *Voted*, That the thanks of this Association be extended to Rev. A. Sherwin for the very able Historical Address delivered before this body, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

46. The records were read by the Clerk and approved.

47. Adjourned at 12 M. until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

48. Assembled at 1.30. The Moderator announced that the service ar-

ranged for this afternoon was a *Baptist Love Feast*, a free conference, christian experience and testimonies, prayer and praise. Nearly two hours were spent in this most interesting service.

49. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the church and people of Milford for their ample and cordial hospitality.

Also tendering to the suffering in the Southern cities and towns the sympathies and prayers of the members of this Association.

50. After appropriate remarks by the Moderator, singing the doxology and prayer, adjourned to meet with the Baptist church in Greenville the second Wednesday in September, 1879.

G. W. KINNEY, *Moderator.*

S. S. DAVIS, *Clerk.*

PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

FORMED 1828.

DOVER, Sept. 18, 1878.

1. The Association convened with the Baptist church at 10.30 A. M. Rev. Noah Hooper was chosen Moderator and Rev. C. A. Towne Clerk.

2. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Chase, followed by singing "Rock of Ages, cleft for me."

3. Visiting brethren invited to sit with us. Accepted by Rev. O. Ayer, No. Oxford, Mass; Rev. L. D. Hlll, Waldoboro, Me.; Rev. C. H. Corey, Richmond, Va., and Rev. J. E. Dame, Farmington, N. H.

4. Rules of Order read by Clerk.

5. Committee of Arrangements made a partial report. Accepted.

6. Letter of welcome from church in Dover, read by pastor.

7. Annual Sermon preached by Rev. N. Hooper. Text, Daniel 6: 1, 2, 3. Subject, "Daniel an excellent model for Christians." Assisted in devotional exercises by Revs. O. P. Fuller and D. H. Stoddard.

8. By special motion a collection was taken for the benefit of Rev. Amasa Brown of Newton, in place of the collection for the Widows and Orphans' Fund. Amount $13.30.

9. The following committees were appointed:

Next Session—Revs. D. H. Stoddard, E. L. Scott, J. H. Wells.

Church History—Revs. W. H. Alden, D. D., J. N. Chase, Dea. Samuel Cotton.

Obituaries—Revs. I. J. Burgess, C. Newhall.

Treasurer's Report—Rev. O. P. Fuller, Bro. G. D. Dodge.

10. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. Ayer to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON.

11. Met at 2 o'clock. Singing followed with prayer by Revs. C. Newhall and J. Clement.

12. Committee of Arrangements made further report. Accepted.

13. Letters from churches read in following order: Newton, Brentwood, Northwood, Exeter, Deerfield, Portsmouth, Hampton Falls, South Hampton, Stratham, Great Falls, Plaistow, Chester, Seabrook (statistics only,) and Newton Junction. After reading of Chester letter, prayer by Rev. O. Ayer, in special remembrance of the loss of the church in the death of Rev. Horace Eaton.

14. Doctrinal sermon preached by Rev. J. N. Chase. Text, John 20, 22. Theme, "The Reception of the Holy Spirit." Assisted in devotional exercises by Rev. J. H. Wells and Rev. I. J. Burgess.

15. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. L. Scott, and benediction by the Moderator.

EVENING.

16. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock, holding 30 minutes, led by Rev. I. J. Burgess.

17. Address by Rev. C. H. Corey in behalf of the Home Mission Society work for the Freedmen.

18. Sermon by Rev. L. D. Hill of Waldoboro, Me. Text, James 5: 16. Theme, "The Efficacy of Prayer." Assisted in devotional exercises by Rev. C. H. Corey.

19. Adjourned with benediction by Clerk.

THURSDAY FORENOON.

20. Prayer service at 9 o'clock, led by Rev. W. H. Alden, D. D.

21. At 9.30 singing, followed with prayer by Bro. W. A. Hodgkins and Rev. J. N. Chase.

22. Roll of delegates read by Clerk.

23. Committee on Next Session, through Rev. D. H. Stoddard, made the following report which was adopted. Meet next year with the church in Great Falls; Rev. W. H. Alden, D. D. to preach the Annual Sermon, with Rev. O. P. Fuller as alternate; Rev. H. O. Walker to preach the doctrinal sermon, with Rev. I. J. Burgess as alternate; History of So. Hampton church to be given by the pastor.

24. Committee on Church History reported through Rev. W. H. Alden, D. D., recommending the reading of the history of the church in Dover by the pastor.

25. Committee on Treasurer's Report reported through Rev. O. P. Fuller. Adopted.

26. *Voted*, That we commend to the earnest interest of the churches of this Association, the N. H. Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Mis-

sionary Union, the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, the American Baptist Publication Society, and the Northern Baptist Education Society, and all the members of our churches are urged to contribute of their prayers, and aid by their offerings of money as God has prospered them.

27. *Voted*, That we heartily bid God speed to all associations organized for the spread of the principles of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, and that we will do what we can to aid in the good work.

28. *Voted*, to pay the Clerk five dollars for services and expenses.

29. *Voted*, To present the thanks of this Association to the Baptist church and society in Dover for their cordial and generous entertainment both at their homes and in their chapel, also to the choir, the organist and the chorister for their kind and faithful services.

30. *Voted*, To recommend the churches in this Association to observe the first week in January as a week of prayer.

31. Committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. I. J. Burgess as follows:

One has been taken from the ranks of the ministry in this Association during the past year. Rev. Horace Eaton died at his home in Wakefield, Mass., June 15, 1878, at the age of 68 years. For a year previous to his departure he had been supplying the Baptist church in Chester. Respecting his early life and labors in the ministry we have been unable to obtain the information desired. We learn that he was ordained in Bedford, and was subsequently pastor of the Baptist churches in Salem, Richmond, Wilton, and twice at Chester. He also served the N. H. Baptist Convention for about three years, closing his labors in 1861. For several years he was obliged to withdraw from the ministry on account of ill health. He was a faithful minister of Christ, eminently doctrinal in style, and aimed to produce results, not by labored composition but by a faithful, earnest, and positive setting forth of Bible truth. He has completed his work and gone to his reward. At the last meeting of this Association in Newton, he feelingly set forth the self-denying efforts of the church in Chester to complete their house of worship and asked our sympathy and help. His departure suggests to us the thought that ere another anniversary of our Association occurs, some one of us present may close up his term of service. Let us work while we may.

We would also mention among the prominent men of the Association who have died the past year, Dea. John F. Moses of Exeter. For more than sixty-seven years he was a true and faithful member, and for more than sixty-two years nobly served the church in the office of deacon. His influence is felt among all classes in the community in which he lived, and throughout this Association where he was ever recognized as a pure, devoted man of God.

32. Rev. D. Gage spoke in behalf of the N. H. Baptist Convention.

33. Rev. D. H. Stoddard spoke in behalf of Foreign Missions.

34. Rev. J. Clement spoke with reference to the church in Chester.

35. Remarks made in memory of Rev. H. Eaton by Rev. D. Gage. and by Revs. J. N. Chase and N. Hooper in remembrance of Dea. Moses.

36. Sermon preached by Rev. J. E. Dame of Farmington. Text, 1st Cor., 3: 11. Theme, "Christ the only Foundation." Assisted in devotional exercises by Rev. N. Hooper and Rev. D. H. Stoddard.

37. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Newhall.

AFTERNOON.

38. Met at 2 o'clock. Singing of "I love thy kingdom, Lord," followed with prayer by Rev. I. J. Burgess.

39. A committee of three were appointed, consisting of Rev. N Hooper, Rev. J. N. Chase and Rev. W. H. Alden, D. D., to disburse Widows and Orphans' Fund, being limited to $100 in any one case.

40. History of Dover church, read by pastor, with a brief outline of the history of this Association for the past 50 years.

41. Reminiscences tender, pleasant, joyful and sorrowful, were given by Revs. N. Hooper, D. Gage, J. N. Chase, W. H. Alden, D. D., O. P. Fuller C. A. Towne and Sister Cotton.

42. Minutes read by Clerk. Adopted.

43. Adjourned to meet with the church in Great Falls, on the third Wednesday in September, 1879, after singing of "Blest be the tie that binds," and closing remarks, prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

Reports were presented from all the churches in the Association. Wednesday at one o'clock a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the vestry of the Charles Street church. Reports from different churches were given, together with prayer and conference as to methods of working and securing increased interest among the members of the churches. The entire session of this fiftieth anniversary was one of sound gospel preaching, harmonious counsel, earnest prayer and renewed consecration.

N. HOOPER, *Moderator.*

CHAS. A. TOWNE, *Clerk.*

NEWPORT ASSOCIATION.

FORMED, 1828.

NEW LONDON, Sept. 25, 1878.

1. The Association met at the time and place designated by the Committee on next meeting.

2. It was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., by the Clerk.

3. Rev. Ira Pearsons was chosen Moderator; Rev. G. A. Glines, Clerk, and N. T. Greenwood, Treasurer.

4. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. Hayden, D. D., of Washington, D. C.

5. Rules of Order were read by the Clerk.

6. Visiting brethren were invited to a seat with us. The following brethren accepted the invitation: Rev. G. F. Pay, Rev. Wallace Crocker of the Vermont Central Association: Rev. F. Merriam and Bro. A. Pearson of the Meredith Association: Rev. H. G. Hubbard and Bro. W. G. Hubbard of the Milford Association; Rev. A. P. Mason D. D., Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., of Boston, Rev. D. Gage of Manchester, N. H., and Rev. L. Hayden, D. D., Washington, D. C.

7. Listened to the reading of the letter from the New London church.

8. Partial report of the Committee of Arrangements.

9. Suspended the business of Association to listen to the Annual Sermon by Rev. A. Heald, of Meriden church. Text, Luke 24:49,—Theme. "The necessity of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

10. Voluntary by the choir.

11. Collection for Widows and Orphans' Fund; amount $4.62.

12. The following Committees were appointed.

On Arrangements—Revs. S. C. Fletcher, H. C. Leavitt, and G. B. Smith.
On Minutes—Rev. G. A. Glines, Seth E. Cole, Dea. J. J. Mason.
On Next Meeting—Rev. S. C. Fletcher, S. M. Green, J. W. Peterson.
On State of Religion—Revs. W. Hurlin, J. S. Swaim, S. H. Anderson.
On Resolutions—Rev. P. S. Adams, E. H. Smith, G. B. Smith.
On Auditing—E. M. Kempton, D. F. Richardson, Chas. Crockett.
On Obituaries—Rev. N. F. Tilden, C. D. Nevins, Rev. A. Heald.

13. *Voted* to accept the above Committees.

14. *Voted* to adjourn until 1.30 o'clock P. M.

15. Prayer by Rev. E. P. Merrifield of Lyme church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer meeting for one half hour led by Rev. H. C. Leavitt of Newport church.

16. At 2 o'clock resumed the business of the Association.

17. Prayer by Rev. P. S. Adams of Newport church.

18. Listened to the reading of the letters from the Newport and Cornish churches.

19. Voluntary by the choir.

20. Suspended business to listen to the Historical Sermon of the Association by Rev. S. C. Fletcher of the New London church.

21. Voluntary by the choir.

22. Voted to adjourn to 6.30 o'clock for prayer and conference.

23. Prayer by Rev. H. C. Leavitt of the Newport church.

EVENING SESSION.

24. Prayer and conference for thirty minutes, led by Rev. D. Gage of Manchester.

25. At 7 o'clock resumed the business of the Association.

26. Prayer by Rev. S. H. Anderson of the East Washington church.

27. Listened to the reading of letters from former pastors in the Association. Rev. F. D. Blake formerly of New London church, Rev. C. A. Piddock formerly of Claremont church, E. Dodge of Hamilton, N. Y., Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., of Concord. N. H.

28. Listened to an address by Rev. L. Hayden, D. D., of Washington, D. C.

29. Listened to an address by Rev. A. P. Mason, D. D., in the interests of Home Missions.

30. Listened to an address by Rev. D. Gage, our venerable State Missionary, in the interests of Domestic Missions.

31. Listened to an address by Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., in the interests of Foreign Missions.

32. *Voted*, To adjourn to meet at 8.30 o'clock Thursday A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After a very interesting devotional service, led by Rev. Ira Pearsons of Newport church, resumed the business of the Association.

33. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Swaim of the Claremont church.

34 Listened to the reading of letters from the following churches. Meriden, Goshen, Canaan, East Washington, South Acworth.

35. Listened to the report of the Treasurer, H. G. Hubbard. Accepted.

36. Listened to report of Committee on next meeting by Rev. S. C. Fletcher.

37. Listened to a report of Committee on the results of lay efforts during the past year by Bro. E. M. Kempton, of Newport church.

38. *Resolved*, That one or more brethren be appointed by the several churches to labor within the limits of the association to develope a deeper religious interest during the ensuing year.

39. *Voted*, That Dea. H. D. Parker of Goshen, be the chairman of such delegation.

40. Listened to report on Resolutions. Adopted.

41. Listened to report on Obituaries. Adopted.

42. *Voted*, That the Clerk procure a trunk for the Association.

43. *Voted*, That the Clerk report the state of religion in the Association to the Convention.

44. *Resolved*, That we request the History of the semi-centennial of the Association of its author Rev. S. C. Fletcher for publication. Referred to Revs. N. F. Tilden and J. S. Swaim with the author.

45. *Resolved*, That we regret exceedingly the sickness of Rev. E. E Cummings, D. D., of Concord, which prevents his attendance at this meeting.

46. Listened to a verbal report from the church in Unity, by Rev. G. F. Pay, and remarks by Rev. H. C. Leavitt.

47. *Voted*, To commit the Unity church to the consideration of the lay delegation.

48. Listened to the reading of letters from the following churches: Claremont, Lyme, West Plainfield, Lebanon.

49. Report of the Committee on the state of Religion by Rev. J. S. Swaim. The Committee on Religious interest report that a revival spirit has prevailed in three of the churches which have reported 23 of the baptisms. A good degree of religious interest prevailed in seven of the churches, some of which are enjoying the stimulating influence of precious revivals. Three churches report a low state of religion. There have been 35 baptisms in the Association, which have occurred in eight of the churches.

50. Report of the Committee on Resolutions by P. S. Adams:

Resolved, That the blessings vouchsafed to this body by the Great Head of the Church during the fifty years of its history, demand our devout gratitude and appeal to us most powerfully for increased consecration, devotion, earnest zeal and persistent effort in the Master's service.

Resolved, That the fact that the membership of this body is much less than at a former period of its history and the average baptisms are so few, should excite the serious inquiry why it is so?

Resolved, That persevering effort should be put forth by these churches to reach the mass of non-church goers within their limits and by Christian love and tender sympathy constrain them to come to the place of public worship and social prayer.

Resolved, That Colby Academy now so complete in all its appointments presents to us a broader basis than ever before for our confidence, and increased reason for cordial support and liberal patronage, and our earnest prayers that as it has been in the past so it may be in the future a marked power for good.

51. Report of the Committee on Obituaries by Rev. N. F. Tilden.

Your Committee on Obituaries would report as follows: Of the fourteen churches composing this Association, nine have been visited by death the past year. In Newport six have died; New London one; Cornish seven; Meriden two; Claremont three; Lyme three; Plainfield one; East Washington six; Hanover one; total thirty.

In Newport died sister Lois H. Fletcher, aged 99 years. She was converted in early life and joined the church in 1793,—making a church life extending nearly a score of years beyond the three score and ten of human existence.

Of the deceased in Cornish, we would mention Dea. A. Burnap, who died at the age of eighty-three years. He was a member of the church fifty years,—during twenty-seven of which he was clerk and during twenty more deacon, making forty-seven consecutive years of official church service.

The Lyme church met with a severe loss in the death of Dea. G. Flint, who had been deacon and clerk of the church since its organization, a period of forty-seven years.

Although not a member of any organization within the limits of the Association, your Committee cannot fail to notice the decease of Prof. E.

Knight, whose home was with the people of New London. In the space allotted us we can only say he was an efficient and enthusiastic teacher, and as a mathematician he stood among the foremost in the State. He commenced his labors as a teacher at New Hampton, and when the school in that place was removed to Vermont, he came to New London, and entered upon the real work of his life—as an instructor in the New London Literary and Scientific Institution, now Colby Academy. He was ordained as a pastor in Sutton, with which church he continued as a member until his death. He was more of a logical turn of mind than impulsive,—was firm in the faith of the denomination for whose interests, religious and intellectual, he long toiled and prayed.

52. Nearly an hour was devoted to prayer and free conference.

53. *Resolved*, That as an Association we record our grateful appreciation of the generous hospitalities of the members of the church in New London, and that we shall remember with pleasure this commemoration of our Fiftieth Anniversary so fitly observed with them.

NOTE. From a lady, a resident member of the church,—one word with regard to the choir which added so much to the interest of the meetings during the sitting of the Association. Among the early settlers of New London were some fine singers. The Fales, Burpees, Woodburys, Everetts, Messengers, Gays, Adams, Sargents and Herricks. From that time till the present, one hundred years, lacking a few months, representatives from each generation of these families have been included in the choir, and now in 1878, four of the fourth generation discourse sweet music to all who listen to them on each return of the Sabbath day. The present chorister has led the choir thirty-five years.

54. The following resolution was presented by Rev. L. Hayden, D. D., of Washington, D. C.:

Resolved, That we hereby express to our venerable and highly esteemed brother, Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., of the city of Concord, who assisted in the organization of this Association, our grateful appreciation of his long continued and successful labors in this State, our deep regrets for his providential absence from our semi-centennial festivities, and our fervent prayer that filled with divine favor, his latter end may be more blessed than the beginning.

55. The Committee on Next Anniversary report, That Rev. J. S. Swaim of Claremont, preach the Annual Sermon, and that Rev. G. B. Smith of Plainfield, be his alternate; and recommend instead of the Doctrinal Sermon, the time be left to the discretion of the Committee of Arrangements. That the Association meet with the Baptist church in Newport on the 4th Wednesday in September, 1879.

56. After singing the 116th Hymn in Psalmist, and interesting and deeply impressive remarks and prayer by our venerable father in Israel, Rev. Ira Pearsons, of Newport, the Association closed its Fiftieth Anniversary.

IRA PEARSONS, *Moderator*.

G. A. GLINES, *Clerk*.

NOTE. On the day preceding the meeting of the Association, a Sunday

School Convention was organized, which is to meet annually in connection with the Association. E. L. Wheeler, of Scytheville, is Secretary.

WHITE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

FORMED 1842.

STRATFORD, June 12, 1878.

The Association came to order.

1. Chose Rev. Silas Dean, Moderator.

2. Chose Chester Thomas, Clerk.

3. Committee of Arrangements, Rev. D. Gage and Brethren S. W. Curtis and E. A Baldwin.

4. Prayer by Rev. W. V. Garner.

5. Invited visiting brethren to sit with us; the following brethren responded: Rev. David Gage, State Convention; Rev. W. V. Garner, Salisbury Association; Rev. J. D. Tilton, Meredith Association; Rev. A. Sherwin, Milford Association; D. Taylor, D. D., Portsmouth Association; Rev. N. W. Alger, Danville, Vt. Association; Rev. F. W. Rankin, Meredith Association.

6. Reading of the rules of order.

7. Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

8. Reading of letter from Stratford.

9. Listened to the Annual Sermon by D. Taylor, D. D., from Eph. 4: 4, 6.

10. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Tilton.

11. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON.

12 Came to order. Prayer by Rev. D. Gage.

13. Heard the letters from Lancaster and Lunenburg.

14. Listened to sermon by Rev. A. Sherwin from 1st Peter 2: 24.

15. Congregation sung "Coronation."

16. Report of Committee on Topics. First, the duty of the churches to supply themselves and others with the ministry of the Word. Second, the relation of the churches to the Temperance reform. The first was responded to by Revs. W. V. Garner, D. Gage, N. W. Alger, A. Sherwin and J. D. Tilton.

17. Prayer by Rev. F. W. A. Rankin.

18. Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

19. Evening session. Prayer by Bro. Rankin.

20. Sermon by Brother Garner.

21. Prayer by Bro. Taylor.

22. Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY.

23. Came to order. Prayer by Rev. R. Barry.

24. Listened to reading of letters from Jefferson and Carroll.

25. Committee on Next Session report that the next session be held at Lunenburg, Vt., on the second Wednesday in June, 1879, and that we depend on visiting brethren for the Annual Sermon.

26. Listened to sermon by Rev. F. W. A. Rankin, from John 20:8.

27. Chose a Committee on Obituaries—Rev. N. W. Alger, Rev. D. Gage and Chester Thomas.

28. Prayer by Rev. N. W. Alger.

29. Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

30. Came to order. Prayer by Bro. W. H. H. Collins of the Methodist church.

31. Rev. N. W. Alger from Committee on Obituaries presented the following:

Rev. E. Evans was born at Gloucester, Cape Ann, 1778. He joined the United States navy and served four years in the war of 1812. He lost his right arm in an engagement June 4, 1815. Although it was some years after this before he was converted, yet this was the means used to bring him to Christ, as the ball that took his arm killed the man on the other side of him. He made a profession of religion, was baptized in 1826, was licensed to preach the gospel by the church in Jefferson, N. H., in 1846, and for four years he preached in Randolph, Jefferson, Carroll, and this place. He was ordained at Lunenburg, Vt., Sept. 11, 1850, where he remained nine years very generally respected and beloved. His last attempt to preach was at Gorham Hill in the summer of 1873, but he was not able to finish his sermon. He passed to his reward Dec. 24, 1877.

Chester Thomas called attention to the labors of Rev. Philip Chamberlain in this vicinity, particularly in Jefferson, N. H., and Lunenburg Vt., who passed away in February last at Milford, N. H. Rev. D. Gage and Rev. J. D. Tilton gave us a very interesting account of their acquaintance with Brother Chamberlain in his genial and ripe old age.

32. *Resolved*, That the work of the N. H. Baptist State Convention presents claims for the benevolent consideration of our churches of the first importance, that an earnest effort be made by each church to raise the full amount of their assessment.

33. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of the churches of this Association to put forth very strenuous exertions to provide the permanent ministry of the Word for themselves and the communities where they are located.

34. *Resolved*, That while it is the proper labor of the churches to be careful to maintain good works as well as to avoid evil, there is a special demand for labor to promote righteousness and Temperance in all our borders.

35. *Voted*, To instruct the Clerk to give an account of the state of religion in the churches to the Convention.

36. A vote of thanks to the people of Stratford for their kindness and hospitality and for the assistance of the choir.

37. *Voted*, To adjourn to 7 1-2 o'clock.

38. Prayer by Brother Tilton.

EVENING SESSION.

39. Prayer by Brother Gage.

40. Sermon by Rev. J. D. Tilton. Luke 23: 39—48.

41. *Voted*, To adjourn to meet with the Baptist church in Lunenburg, Vt., on the second Wednesday in June, 1879.

42. Prayer by Rev. Silas F. Dean.

SILAS F. DEAN, *Moderator.*

CHESTER THOMAS, *Clerk.*

N. H. BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

EXETER, Oct. 15, 1878.

1. At 10 1-4 o'clock A. M., the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Hurlin, called the Convention to order. Rev. W. V. Garner was chosen President *pro tem.* After singing, Rev. E. C. Spinney and Brethren A. J. Kidder and F. S. Crawford were appointed a Committee on Nominations, and prayer was offered by Revs. W. H. Stewart and A. J. Hopkins.

2. The Secretary read the Constitution of the Convention, and also the Minutes of the Convention of last year, and the Financial Account which showed that the expenses of the year were twenty-nine cents, and that the amount deposited in two Savings banks is $25.55, and the cash balance on hand, seventy-eight cents. Accepted.

3. The Committee on Nominations reported, and the following officers were chosen:

President—Rev. W. V. Garner, Concord.

Vice President—Bro. N. T. Greenwood, New London.

Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. Wm. Hurlin, Antrim.

4. Rev. J. N. Chase reported for the Committee of Arrangements and the report was adopted.

5. Rev. W. V. Garner opened the questions, "What is success in Sun-

day School work?" and "By what methods is it gained?" Rev. W. H. Leavell read an essay on "The agency of the Sunday School in the formation of character." Remarks were then offered by Revs. T. C. Gleason, D. H. Stoddard, Wm. Hurlin, E. C. Spinney, J. E. Dame, J. D. Tilton, F. Merriam, A. J. Hopkins, J. N. Chase, S. C. Fletcher and Brother A. J. Kidder.

6. The pastor of the church with which the Convention may meet, with Rev. J. F. Fielden and Dea. G. Holbrook, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for next year.

7. Rev. J. N. Chase, on behalf of the church in Exeter, gave a cordial welcome to the members of the Convention.

8. After singing, followed by prayer by Rev. J. L. Sanborn, adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING.

9. Service of Song, conducted by Supt. H. C. Moses.

10. Prayer by Rev. D. Taylor, followed by singing.

11. Address by Supt. T. B. Garland on "Reading as connected with Sunday Schools."

12. Singing, followed by an address by Rev. G. W. Gile of Lawrence, Mass., on "How to secure the attendance of Sunday School scholars at Public Worship."

13. Remarks by Revs. F. Merriam, S. S. White, D. Taylor, N. J. Clark, W. V. Garner and W. H. Leavell.

14. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Gardner, D. D. Adjourned.

W. V. GARNER, *President.*

WM. HURLIN, *Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAPTIST PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association met in Exeter in the Baptist church Oct. 15, at 2 o'clock P. M.

2. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Tilton.

3. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read and adopted.

4. The following resolution was presented by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D. *Resolved*. That we so far reorganize this Association as to accept the charter prepared by our Legislature, last July, incorporating the "Conference of Baptist ministers in New Hampshire," and we hereby assume the name and act under the provisions of said charter. Laid on the table.

5. The statistical report was read and adopted.

6. *Voted*, That the officers of the last year continue to serve during the present session.

7. The Committee of Arrangements made their report which was adopted.

8. The Committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., as follows:

Your committee on obituaries would state, as a cause of special gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that during the last year no pastor within the limits of our State Association has been removed by death. Still, dearly beloved ministers, who, heretofore, have served churches in this State, have been called to their reward. These were of ripe age, having served their generation by the will of God. Their works not only follow them, but remain after them, as a testimony of that divine grace which perfects in the heart of the believer what it first plants there.

The following outline (slightly modified) is from the necrologist of Brown University:

Rev. James Barnaby died in Harwich, Mass., December 10, 1877, at the age of 90 years, 5 months and 15 days. He was born in Freetown, Mass., June 25, 1787, and was the son of Ambrose and Philena (Burt) Barnaby. He prepared for college at Bristol Academy in Taunton, of which the Rev. Simeon Daggett was then the Principal, and after graduating at Brown University in the class of 1807, he was for a year the teacher of a school in Taunton. It had been his intention to study law, but while here he abandoned his purpose and began to prepare for the Christian ministry. During his college residence he had been baptized and admitted as a member of the First Baptist church in Providence. After a brief period of such theological study as was then within his reach, he was ordained in July, 1811, and immediately became the pastor of the Baptist church in Harwich, Mass. Of this church he remained in charge till 1819, when he became the minister of the Baptist church in New Bedford. He removed to Amesbury in 1823, and was subsequently minister, for periods of various lengths, of the churches in Deerfield, N. H., in Salisbury and Amesbury, Mass., in Danversport, in Lowell, in Townsend, a second time in Harwich, and in Nantucket, where he spent three years, from 1846 to 1849. During the following three years he was in the service of the Baptist Sunday School Union. In 1852 he again became pastor of the church in Harwich, where he remained seven years. He afterwards had charge of other churches for brief periods and was with the church in Campton, N. H., during the year 1861, but in 1862 he returned to Harwich and became for the fourth time the pastor of the church there, and continued in its service to the end of his life, a period of fifteen years. His entire ministry covered a period of nearly sixty-seven years, of which not less than thirty-nine were spent with the church with

which it began and ended. He baptized 2800 persons. So vigorous was his constitution, that in all the numerous settlements of his long and varied ministry, he was very seldom detained, even in his old age, from the pulpit services He used to say that he "had not lost a meal of victuals, or failed to preach the gospel on a Sunday for more than forty years." His death was without disease or premonition of any kind. He married Aug. 10, 1810, Abigail Burt of Berkeley, who survives him with five children three sons and two daughters.

Rev. Philip Chamberlain died in Milford, Feb. 19, 1878, aged 82 years and 10 months. He was born in Turner, Maine, April 25, 1795. He was converted when about thirty years of age. His attention was soon called to the ministry, and with this in view he spent a short season in Waterville College, now Colby University. He was licensed to preach by the Baptist church in Hebron, Me., Aug. 30, 1830, and was ordained by that church as an evangelist Jan. 11, 1831. The first part of his ministry was spent in Maine, with the churches in Sangerville and Kennebunk. He also was pastor of the church in Lunenburg, Vt. But a large part of his pastoral work was in connection with churches in this State; in Jefferson, in Campton, in Hillsborough, and in Bradford. After retiring from the active duties of the ministry, he lived in Franklin, Londonderry and Milford. Having entered the ministry late in life, with very limited advantages for intellectual improvement, he sought those fields demanding hard and earnest labor, which could render a meagre salary in return. He understood economy, and so lived honestly before the world. His preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus he commended the Word, as he understood it, to every man's conscience as in the sight of God.

By his genial and social nature, with a ready fund of anecdotes, with a strong desire to win souls, he made his pastoral visits entertaining and useful. In the last and quiet years of his life he was not the source of annoyance and hindrance to his pastor, but his real co-laborer, his true and sympathizing friend. He matured for heaven like as the fruits of the earth ripen for the garner, and came down to the grave in full age, with an unfailing hope of an eternal weight of glory. His wife survived him only a few days. They had been lovely and pleasant in their lives and in death they were not long divided.

Rev. Horace Eaton was born in Goffstown Oct. 5, 1811, and died in Wakefield, Mass., June 15, 1878, aged 66 years, 8 months and 10 days. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church in Goffstown on the second Sabbath in September, 1833. He had a severe struggle in his own mind in regard to his call to the ministry. For a long time he could think of nothing else, and yet could not entertain this thought on account of his apparent unfitness. Still the call was so distinct, "now therefore go and I will be thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say," and the woe so impressive if he refused to preach the gospel, that he dared not decline. With this work in view the church in Goffstown voted to "encourage him in his studies" Dec. 11, 1834. He graduated at New Hampton Theological Institution in 1841. While a student there in 1839, he supplied the church in Dunbarton—then worshipping in the east part of the town—for some three months. In connection with his labors there several persons were converted, which he always regarded as a providential indication that he was in the path of duty. He was ordained the pastor of the Baptist church in Bradford Oct. 26, 1842, where he spent some three years, and then labored one year in the West under appointment of the Home Missionary Society. Subsequently he preached in Chester, in Milton, and in Dunbarton, about four years in each place. He served as Agent of the Convention from July 1, 1859, to April 15 1862. He then preached in

North Reading, Mass., about a year after which, for private considerations, he gave up stated pastoral work, and moved to Wakefield, Mass., where he spent the last fifteen years of his life, occasionally supplying vacant pulpits as Providence opened the way. When the church in Salem was unable to sustain a pastor, though aided by the Convention, he was their stated supply from June, 1871, to April, 1873, during which time they increased in strength. About a year he preached in Richmond, closing in June, 1876. Under God he called this old church to life, it having been for years "without fruits." In 1877 he supplied the church in Chester, which had lost its house of worship by fire. Under his labors the church was building a new house, which he greatly desired to see finished, and that without debt. But God called him from his labors before this work was done. On Saturday morning, Feb. 23, he was stricken down with apoplexy, from which he had but partially recovered when a second attack, in less than four months, closed the gate of this life, and opened to his enrapturing vision the mansions of glory.

Horace Eaton was a good minister of Jesus Christ. He was true and faithful in all the relations of life. He suffered greatly from natural diffidence, especially in public speaking. But he was independent as most men in the formation of his opinions. He was remarkably conscientious, which was a strong impulsive power in all his work. He had a logical turn of mind, and leaned strongly to Calvinistic views of the great doctrines of grace. He was clear and often very impressive in unfolding these doctrines. The Saviour, in his all-sufficient power to redeem the lost, was the joy and crown of his rejoicing. He left a sweet and inspiring influence on all the churches with which he labored. He was twice married; first to Sarah Chandler, of Nashua, by whom he had three children, two of whom are now living; second, to Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Wiley, of Wakefield, Mass., who survives him with one child.

Rev. Phineas Bond died in Jay, Me., July 8, 1878. He was born in Watertown, Mass., Aug. 20, 1797. He was converted under the ministry of Dr. Sharp, and was baptized by him into the fellowship of the Charles Street Baptist Church, Aug. 15, 1819. He was deeply convinced that God called him to preach the gospel, and his pastor and the church were of the same opinion. He closed up his business affairs and commenced studying, and at the same time he commenced preaching. So whether he was pursuing his studies under Rev. Charles Train, of Framingham, or in connection with Waterville College, he was preaching as he had opportunity in the neighboring towns. He was greatly blessed in preaching, and soon enjoyed quite a reputation as a revivalist. He remained in Waterville less than a year, and after preaching in East Winthrop and Cherryfield several months each, he was ordained in the latter place May 25, 1825. Here in the Spring of 1827, he was the grand agent in the formation of a Temperance Society, which, it is claimed was the first organization on the principle of total abstinence in Maine. He labored successively as pastor in Eastport, Warren, Fayette and Brewster, Mass. Then he was settled in Rumney, this State, from July 25, 1847 to March 5, 1849; and he was pastor in Cornish for some two years, from 1856 to 1858. He afterward returned to Maine where he continued in the active duties of theministry till 1868. The last ten years of his life was spent in Jay, where was his last work in the pastorate. His ministerial life was a sort of pioneer work. In a letter written in 1876, he says: "I have preached one or more times in over one hundred different towns, and in all over nine thousand sermons. I have preached in meeting-houses, court-houses, academies, school-houses, barns, state-prisons, dwelling-houses, log cabins, and out of doors. I have travelled sixty miles on horse-back to baptize, and from one to twenty often, to attend funerals. And now in my old age, I rejoice in the high stand the Baptists take in missions, in Sunday

schools, in education and in the various benevolent operations of the day. I believe in a thoroughly educated ministry. My prayer is God bless and prosper the Baptists more and more in their plain and scriptural presentation of truth." Dr. Shailer says of Bro. Bond: "Christ was most emphatically the theme of his preaching, and Christ owned and blessed his labors. Though not a great or faultless preacher, he was in the leading elements of his character a thoroughly good man, honest, faithful, true, sound in belief and practice; and we say this after a personal acquaintance of forty years."

Three of the *four* names constituting the subjects of these obituary notices were over eighty years of age at their death. One by reason of strength had attained to fourscore years and ten. Yet the silver cord was loosed, and the golden bowl was broken. Then the dust returned to the earth as it was, and the spirit to God who gave it. Brethren, we may say as Paul said, "Though ye have ten thonsand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers." Let us rise up before the hoary heads, and honor the faces of the old men, who still linger to cast the hallowed influence of their declining life, especially upon those whose sun has already passed its zenith and is hastening on in its path beyond the visible horizon. "Brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Adopted.

After singing by the choir and congregation, and prayer by Rev. W. V Garner, the Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. C. A. Towne of Dover. Text, 2 Kings 2: 19, 22. Theme, "The Proclamation of the Gospel the Salt that purifies and Saves.

10. A collection amounting to $10,00 was then taken.

11. The Pastoral Association then a djourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

12. After a short recess the Association was again called to order.

13. The following resolution was offered by Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D.

Resolved, That all records, papers and money now in the hands of the Secretary and Treasurer of this Association be delivered to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference of Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire, respectively, and that all legacies and bequests made to the New Hampshire Baptist Pastoral Association shall be legally claimed by the Conference of Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire, and that this Association adjourn without day.

Adopted and the Association adjourned sine die.

J. N. CHASE, *President.*

A. J. HOPKINS, *Secretary,*

CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN N. H.

Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., having stated before the Pastoral Association his views and feelings with regard to aged and indigent Baptist Ministers, and submitted a plan for their relief, the Association adjourned to the call of the President, that the persons named in a charter for carrying out the plan of Dr. Cummings, might be called together for action; the persons named in the Charter were called to order by Dr. Cummings, and Rev. W. V. Garner was chosen Chairman, and Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., Clerk.

The Charter was read and adopted.

The Constitution, as proposed by Rev. Dr. Cummings, which was a modification of the Constitution of the Pastoral Association, was also adopted. A list of officers under the new Constitution was presented by Bro. Sherwin, pending the election of which the Conference, after prayer, adjourned to meet in the small vestry to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Conference met this morning as adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Alden, D. D. It was voted that the officers be chosen by hand vote. The list was again read, and the officers were elected as nominated:

For President, Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D.; for Secretary, Rev. E. C. Spinney; for Treas, Rev. N. Hooper; for Directors, Revs. J. D. Tilton, W. H. Eaton, D. D., W. V. Garner, G. W. Nicholson, W. H. Alden, D. D., S. C. Fletcher and S. A. Read; for Auditors, C. H. Martin, and D. A. Brown.

W. H. EATON, *Clerk.*

A Committee of Arrangements for next year was appointed, viz: Revs. W. B. Smith, J. S. Swaim and J. F. Fielden. The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows; for place, same as Convention; time, Tuesday before the Convention at 2 o'clock P. M.

Preacher, Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D.; alternate, Rev. W. H. Leavell; Essayist, Rev. E. C. Spinney; alternate, Rev. R. B. Moody. Report adopted. At the suggestion of Rev. Dr. Cummings, a Committee of conference, with the proper officers of the Sunday School Convention, was appointed viz: Revs. E. C. Spinney, J. F. Fielden and R. B. Moody. Rev. Wm. Hurlin was appointed Statistical Reporter. A Committee on Obituaries was chosen, consisting of Revs. J. D. Tilton, W. H. Alden, D. D., and W. H. Leavell. Adjourned to the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. D. Gage.

E. C. SPINNEY, *Secretary,*

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight:

AN ACT to incorporate "The Conference of Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. Ebenezer E. Cummings, Wm. H. Eaton, George W. Nicholson, Wm. H. Alden, Alden Sherwin, Wm. V. Garner, King S. Hall, Wm. Hurlin, Franklin Merriam, Wm. B. Smith, Jeremiah D. Tilton, Edmund C. Spinney, Harry O. Walker and Stephen C. Fletcher, their associates and successors, are hereby made a Corporation by the name of "*The Conference of Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire*," for the purpose of relieving aged and disabled Baptist Ministers who are indigent; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions of similar Corporations under the laws of this State.

SECTION 2. Said Corporation may for the purposes aforesaid hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. This Act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved July 2, 1878.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. The name of this Society shall be "The Conference of Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire."

ART. 2. Every ordained Baptist Minister resident in New Hampshire, who is a member in good and regular standing of a Baptist Church in the State, shall be a member of the Conference.

ART. 3. The chief objects of the Conference shall be to promote mutual improvement and the increased usefulness of its members and the relief of indigent and disabled Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire.

ART. 4. The Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be held on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October. The exercises shall consist of a sermon by some member of the Conference previously appointed, to be followed by a free conference, and such other services as may from time to time be deemed proper. After the sermon a collection shall be taken in aid of the object of the Conference.

ART. 5. The Conference shall annually elect by ballot, unless otherwise ordered, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director from each Association in the State, who together shall constitute a Board of Directors for the management. The Conference shall also choose as above, an Auditing Committee of two.

ART. 6. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Conference and Board of Directors, and have the general oversight of the affairs of the Conference.

The secretary shall keep a full record of the doings of the Conference

and Board of Directors. He shall also keep a record of the settled pastors in the State, including their names, residences, and the date of their dismission.

The treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Conference and disburse them only by order of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall supervise the investment of funds, and decide an appropriations, and have the general management of the affairs of the Conference. The Auditing Committee shall examine the treasurer's account and evidences of property and report to the Board of Directors at each Annual Meeting.

ART. 7. All gifts and legacies made to the Conference, and all moneys coming into the treasury in any way shall be safely invested, and if at any time the income of the Permanent Fund is not needed for the purposes of the Conference as specified in the Article of Incorporation, the surplus shall be added to the Permanent Fund. But in no case shall a draft be made on the Permanent Fund to meet appropriations or for any other purpose. The interest that accrues shall only be used.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite, as long as thou livest upon the earth.—Deut. 12:19.

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Beloved Brethren:—You will learn by the foregoing proceedings, that an organization has grown out of the New Hampshire Baptist Pastoral Association, which is empowered to hold funds for the relief of aged, infirm, and indigent Baptist ministers in the State. This charity has hitherto been sadly neglected. In most of our Associations, provision is made for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Baptist Ministers, but nothing for the minister and his family, while he is living. Is this just? Should not the man who has spent the vigor of his manhood, for the good of others be provided for, when his "strength faileth." Most of our ministers lay up nothing. If, during their active ministry, they receive a comfortable support, it is considered that they are well dealt by, and hence when they cease to labor there is nothing left to support them. Here is a want that should be met, and the conference of Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire proposes to meet it by creating a fund, the annual income of which shall be applied to aid aged infirm ministers in our State. We propose three ways to raise money for this fund: First,—by personal gifts. Second,—by public contribution. Third,—by legacies. Money may be forwarded to Rev. N. Hooper, Exeter, N. H.

In behalf of the Directors,

E. E. CUMMINGS, *President.*

GENERAL TABULAR STATEMENT,

Embracing the names of the churches, ministers, messengers to the associations, membership of the churches, Sabbath-schools, and moneys raised for benevolent and religious purposes, at home and abroad, by the churches in 1878. The names of ordained ministers are in Roman; unordained in *italics*; a * denotes ministers without pastoral charge; a † stated supply; a ‡ ministers absent; a —— churches without pastors. N. B.—The column for home objects includes all moneys raised for religious purposes in the parish—as pastor's salary, repairs on meeting-house, fuel, S. S. library, &c. The miscellaneous column includes all moneys for benevolence not reported in the other columns.

MEREDITH ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS.	Date of Organization.	MINISTERS.	Date of Settlement.	MESSENGERS.	MEMBERSHIP. Baptized.	Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Excluded.	Died.	Res. Memb's.	Total.	SABBATH-SCHOOLS. Superintend's.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Average.	Baptized.	MONEYS CONTRIBUTED FOR Missionary Union.	Woman's Fr. Mission.	Home Mis. Society.	Convention.	Minutes.	Miscellan'o's	Home Objects.	Total.
SANBORNT'N, 1st	1793	F. W. A. Rankin, ‡	1872	Dea. A. Kimball.	..	..	..	..	4	5	..	5	63	98	C. S. Morrison.	9	105	....	..	$4.00	$1.00	.....	$3 00	$3.70	$0 60	.....	$12.30
A. Kimball,	....	*O. E. Brown.*	Jly.	O. E. Brown.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Franklin.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
RUMNEY, 1st,	1799	I. W. Coombs. ‡	1878		1	2	..	..	4	..	1	4	91	116	C. C. Smart.	12	90	75	..	1.50	....	.50	.. ...	5.00	.....	675.00	682.00
J. W. Pease.	....		My.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
HEBRON,	1804	——	....	No Report.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
WOODSTOCK,	1807	W. M. Mayhew. ‡	1876		..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	48	60	W. M. Mayhew	8	111	60	..	....	.....	....	15.00	2.10	2.37	384.19	402.66
T. V. Smith.	....		Au.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
DANBURY.	1818	F. Merriam.	1872		2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	36	43	J. D. Danforth.	7	67	50		20.00	.....	5.00	20.00	2.00	113 00	410 00	570 00
T. H. Danforth.	....	*C. C. Spear.*	No.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....	*J. A. Knowlton.*	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....	*E. Merriam.*	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
NEW HAMPTON,	1821	——	....	No Report.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
SANBORNT'N, 2d,	1822	——	....	John B. Huse.	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	82	111	J. P. Sanborn.	6	50	42		5 50	9 90	1.95	.....	4 00	.....	.....	21.35
Orrin D. Huse,	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
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CAMPTON,	1827	A. V. Tilton.	1876	S. H. Dow.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	84	118	A. V. Tilton.	10	130	65	..	20.00	10.00	20.00	30 00	4.00	39.25	600.00	723.25
D. Goodhue.	....		Jan	F. Spencer.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
MEREDITH,	1831	T. M. Merriman.	1877	Dea. A. Canny.	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	49	73	Emory Eaton.	8	65	50	..	17.50	.....	.....	25.00	2.00	4.50	600.00	649.00
J. M. Wiggin,	....		My.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Meredith Vill'e	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
N. SANBORNT'N,	1833	V. E. Bunker.	1875		3	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	68	82	C. P. Brown.	4	52	28	2	4.85	.....	4.58	15.00	3.65	1.00	300.00	329.08
Thos. Webster.	....		No.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
NO. CONWAY,	1836	T. C. Gleason.	1875	Dea. L. Seavey.	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	38	41	T. C. Gleason.	7	100	60	2	10.64	.....	.....	25 00	1.30	.....	276.69	313.63
E. Whitaker.	....		Oct	C. H. Whitaker.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
BAKER'S RIVER,	1866	J. D. Tilton.	1873		1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	67	86	A. M. Buzzell.	9	80	60	1	18.51	14.75	15.48	40.00	5.00	.....	*900 00	993.74
A. M. Buzzell.	....		Au.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
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§ $5. of this paid for services of Clerk.

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POTTERSVILLE.	1785	J. W. Merrill.	1878	W. A. Brown,	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	65	76	A. C. Phelps.	7	75	37	..	.....	$3.75	.....	.....	$2.00	.....	$275.00	$280
G. W. Mason.	....		Sep	L. L. Howe,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	G. W. Mason.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
TROY,	1789	J. S. Herrick.	1864	A. S. Clark,	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	58	81	A. S. Clark.	7	70	33	..	.....	.....	.....	25.00	2.50	.....	408.00	435
A. S. Clark.	....	*W. I. Smith.* ‡	No.	H. Parker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	W. I. Smith.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
SWANZEY,	1792	E. J. Emery.	1875	J. Hammond,	3	..	..	..	2	1	2	2	67	108	J. Hammond.	9	90	63	3	11.00	.....	4.00	23.00	1.63	5.73	650.00	695
J. Hammond.	....		Mr.	Z. Ware,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	H. Holbrook.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
HINSDALE,	1800	C. A. Piddock.	1877	W. A. Horton,	14	1	..	..	2	..	..	4	79	85	C. R. Sargent.	9	97	56	12	.....	16.08	.....	30.00	2.00	38.45	1000 00	1086
S. E. Liscomb.	...	J. B. Mitchell.	Sep	S. E. Liscomb,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....	H. B. Streeter.	....	C. E.F.Whittaker,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	Mrs. L. R. Mason.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
ANTRIM.	1805	E. M. Shaw.	1878	W. Hildreth.	2	3	..	..	2	..	..	2	80	80	A. F. True.	8	70	50	2	12.03	.....	13.20	25.00	2.00	5.08	700.00	757
W. B. Dodge.	....		My.	R. Simonds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
JAFFREY,	1814	L. J. Dean.	1875	P. Pierce,	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	94	94	A. Pollard.	13	100	65	..	15.75	.....	14.00	25.75	3.00	68.50	900.00	1027
F. P. Wellman	....		Dec	E. Prescott.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
FITZWILLIAM,	1815	W. Read.	1878	M. Wilson,	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	61	72	H. A. Firmin.	7	70	40	..	.....	.....	.....	30.00	2.00	.....	655.00	687
H. A. Firmin.	....		Jy.	G. W. Wilson,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	G. W. Simonds.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
KEENE,	1816	W. H. Eaton.	1872	N. P. Wright.	..	9	..	..	..	..	3	3	148	192	W. A. Lee.	16	310	127	..	20.26	39.50	23.25	30.00	6.00	17.75	1500.00	1636
R. Stewart.	....		Sep	Mrs. N. P. Wright.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	" W. H. Eaton.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
PETERBOROUGH	1822	C. F. Myers.	1875	S. Weston,	12	4	2	..	1	13	1	4	76	94	C. Wilder.	10	105	64	12	5.43	.....	1.73	40.00	4.70	33.60	482.35	567
C. Wilder.	....		No.	G. W. Hadley,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	C. Wilder,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
	....		....	A. B. French.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
RICHMOND.	1835	J. L. Whittemore	1877	N. Hill.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	20	H. P. Sprague.	8	70	50	2	1.00	2.00	.....	10.00	1.00	.....	350.00	364
H. P. Sprague.	....		No.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
MARLOW,	1859		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	17									§5.00				5
Mary Towne.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
11 Churches.	....	13 Ministers.	....	28 Messengers.	33	18	2	..	17	14	9	18	752	919	10 Superint's.	94	1057	585	31	65.47	61.33	56.18	243.75	26.83	169.11	6920 35	7543.

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HOPKINTON,	1771	W. S. Tucker.	1875	Horace Chase.	5	1	..	..	..	1	67	88	W. S. Tucker.	5	70	35	5	.....	$23.00	$9.00	$40.00	$3.00	$8.50	$900.00	$983.50
J. Currier.	....	*H. F. Brown.*	Sep	J. F. Currier.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SUTTON,	1803	——	....		..	..	..	..	..	1	23	28		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00
G. S. French,	....	T. B. Eastman.*	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LAKE VILLAGE,	1811	K. S. Hall.	1867		3	1	..	5	..	3	63	102	K. S. Hall.	10	160	70	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	25.00	575.53	603.53
J. C. French.	...		My.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BOW,	1816	O. W. Kimball.	1878	Dea. C. Brown,	8	3	..	1	..	1	41	50	O. W. Kimball.	6	60	40	7	.....	.....	.....	10.00	2.25	.....	600.00	612.25
Manly Clough.	....		Jan	Manly Clough,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	F. H. Hill.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GILMANTON,	1818	——	....	No Report.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CONCORD, 1st.	1818	W. V. Garner.	1875	T. Butters.	22	5	7	6	..	1	345	345	G. H. Emery.	35	549	249	17	247.37	.....	50.00	200.00	12.00	815.00	5700.00	7024.37
M.B.Critchett.	....		Sep	W. J. Green,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	H. S. Fairbanks.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	M. B. Critchett.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PITTSFIELD,	1819	E. Bromley.	1878	Dea. T. W. Berry,	12	5	2	..	..	1	103	137	J. A. Tuck.	10	140	60	12	10.00	.....	.....	30.00	3.00	30.00	954.00	1027.00
T. P. Tuck.	....	J. M. Coburn. *	Ap.	W. B. Norris.	..	..	..	2	..	1	65	79	D. D. Butman.	10	100	65	..	10.00	.....	10.00	25.00	1.00	.....	230.00	276.00
BRADFORD,	1821	E. Pepper.	1872	F. Cressy.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. A. Carr.	....	C. R. Nichols.	Mr.	C. M. Newman.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...	*G. Trow.*	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DUNBARTON,	1828	A. J. Hopkins.	1876	J. Page, T. W. Kim-	..	3	..	..	..	..	64	78	D. P. Walker.	7	90	37	..	25.00	.....	.....	18.00	3.00	10.00	800.00	856.00
T. W. Kimball	....		Sep	ball, J. G. Wheeler.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	15.00	2.30	.....	600.37	617.67
EAST WEARE,	1832	J. Coker.	1876	Dea. G. Day, J. Paige	..	..	..	..	..	1	32	46	R. W. Gould.	8	60	50	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. H. Moore.	....		Ju.	Dea. A. Hamilton,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	W. Hoyt.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	20.55	2.00	12.00	700.00	734.55
WARNER,	1832	W. H. Walker.	1873	Ira Harvey.	..	1	..	..	..	..	46	46	C. H. Colby, jr.	9	84	45	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ira Harvey.	...		My.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FISHERVILLE, 1.	1845	W. B. Smith.	1873	G. T. Tucker.	29	95	42	6	..	2	259	315	F. A. Abbott.	26	287	144	17	168.04	.....	.....	150.00	15.00	227.69	2600.00	3160.73
J. S. Brown.	....	S. Coombs. *	Fb.	J. A. Coburn,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....	*M. F Johnson.*	....	T. S. Jacobs,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CONCORD, Pl.St.	1854	E. C. Spinney.	1876	Dea. J. S. Crockett,	18	5	5	3	..	2	192	253	G. P. Harvey.	16	212	142	17	135.61	60.00	33.00	80.00	10.00	208.24	8025.25	8552.10
F. S. Crawford	....	E. E. Cummings	Ju.	T. M. Nichols, Dea.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	F. S. Crawford, H.C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	Brown, J C. Hancock	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	20.00	2.50	16.50	728.50	767.50
SUNCOOK,	1865	H. W. Tate.	1877	Jeremiah Austin.	..	2	2	..	1	..	45	69	J. M. Young.	8	90	60	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. H. Paine.	....		Au.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FRANKLIN F'L'S	1869	J. F. Fielden.	1872	H. L. Young, Bick-	11	1	1	4	2	1	154	191	J. F. Fielden.	15	153	119	8	111.00	62.00	42.00	50.00	10.00	148.50	1650.00	2073.50
J. A. Lang.	....		....	ford Lang, R Thomp-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	son, B. G. Young.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Churches.	....	21 Ministers.	....	34 Messengers.	108	122	21	2	27	1	2	15	1499	1827	13 Superint's.	165	2055	1116	86	707.02	145.00	144.00	658.55	69.05	1501.43	24163.65	27388.70

CHURCHES AND CLERKS.	Date of Organization.	MINISTERS.	Date of Settlement.	MESSENGERS.	MEMBERSHIP.									SABBATH-SCHOOLS.					MONEYS CONTRIBUTED FOR							
					Baptized.	Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Excluded.	Died.	Res. Memb's.	Total.	Superintend's.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Average.	Baptized.	Missionary Union.	Woman's Fr Mission.	Home Mis. Society.	Convention.	Minutes.	Miscellan'o's	Home Objects.	Total.
LONDONDERRY, J. F. Wheeler.	1779		....	E. G. Chase.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	45	(Not given.)	4	40	31	..	.....	.....	.....	$15.00	$2.00	.. ..	8375.00	$392.00
	....		....	J. F. Wheeler.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW BOSTON, S. D. Atwood.	1804	F. E. Cleaves.	178	Jas. Averill, Robt.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	93	S. D. Atwood.	11	93	64	..	17.12	.....	.....	35.35	.....	29.47	761.82	843.76
	....		Jan	P. Kelso, L. W. Mer-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	rill, S. D. Atwood.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HUDSON, J. M. Thompson	1805	G. W. Kinney.	1876	Lewis L. Fish, Hiram	11	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	116	126	G. W. Kinney.	15	145	68	6	33.79	40.50	35.31	35.96	4.00	8.71	800.00	958.27
	....		Jan	Marsh, Henry But-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	ler, G. W. Hazelton.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MILFORD, E. J. Parker.	1809	R. B. Moody.	1873	Wm. Crosby, David	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	211	258	R. B. Moody.	21	311	188	3	7.91	19.31	.....	80.00	5.00	9.20	1600.00	1721.43
	....		Oct	Goodwin, G. Harts-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	horn, Dea. A. Mills.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW IPSWICH, W. Knowlton.	1814	L. M. Barnes.	1876	Walter Knowlton.	2	..	..	..	5	14	2	1	21	29	Albert Parry.	6	60	30	2	12.00	12.00	5.50	25.00	1.00	2.00	400.00	457.50
	....		Oct		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WILTON, E. C. Stanley.	1817	Wm. Libbey.	1874	Dea. J. A Holt, E. C.	3	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	51	75	J. Abiel Holt.	8	50	35	3	7.50	7.00	7.50	25.00	1.35	.....	430.50	478.85
	....		Oct	Stanley, J. O. Whit-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	com, F. J. Holt.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GOFFSTOWN, J. W. Poland.	1820	J. H. Nichols.	1877	Henry Moore,	7	3	..	..	2	..	..	2	46	70	Henry Moore.	9	91	65	7	7.25	4.50	3.50	10.17	3.50	9.15	800.00	838.07
	....	J. W. Poland. *	Jly	J. G. Hutchinson.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NASHUA, H. R. Wheeler	1822	G. W. Nicholson.	1873	H. R. Wheeler, J. M.	34	8	6	..	13	..	4	5	463	597	J. D. Chandler.	26	387	230	32	257.75	401.70	83.00	175.00	10.00	364.50	4725.00	6016.95
	....	*D. Crosby.* †	My	Flanders. W. A.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	Swallow, A. E. San-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	derson.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AMHERST, Jas. Jackson.	1829	J. H. Lerned.	1877	J. H. Fisher,	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	77	77	Daniel Hill.	7	70	55	..	5 26	7.00	5.00	25.00	3.00	13.67	525.00	583.93
	....		Ap.	J. W. Prince.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GREENVILLE, M. H. Nutting.	1828	L. C. Barnes.	1878	S. F. Adams, M. L.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	53	76	M. L. Sargent.	10	65	40	..	17.00	.....	.....	7.72	2.00	.....	409.29	436.01
	....		Au.	Sargent, G. W. Sar-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	gent, A. E. Adams.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LYNDEBORO', D. Putnam.	1829	H. G. Hubbard.	1878	Olney P. Butler,	..	3	..	..	8	..	..	2	66	78	A. S. Conant.	14	105	70	..	.....	.....	.....	25.00	3.90	.....	560.00	588.90
	....		My	David Putnam.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANCHESTER, 1. G. B. Kendrick	1837	W. H. Leavell.	1877	Justin Spear. J. E.	57	17	8	..	11	..	..	5	460	460	H. H. Huse.	33	421	286	..	41.88	27.95	25.26	100.00	10.00	29.51	7375.00	7609.60
	...	J. Clement. *	My	Bennett, Eben Til-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....	*B. R. Dow.* *	....	ton, Orizon Hardy.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANCHESTER, 2. G. Holbrook.	1845	A. Sherwin.	1868	Rev. D. Gage, Calvin	25	3	2	..	5	..	2	2	120	232	A. Sherwin.	14	275	105	25	18.00	.....	5.00	50.00	6.00	34.00	1600.00	1713.00
	....	D. Gage. *	Oct	Boynton, Geo. Hol-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....	J. E. Strong. *	....	brook, W H Gilmore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SALEM, S. C. Adams.	1865	A. S. Stowell.	1875		..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	59	64	S. B. Middleton	5	65	45	..	8.50	16.00	16.00	25.00	3.50	.....	1039.40	1108.40
	....		Au.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14 Churches.	....	19 Ministers.	....	41 Messengers.	144	40	16	..	50	15	13	24	1832	2280	13 Superint's.	183	2181	1312	78	433.96	535.96	186.07	634.20	55.25	500.21	21401.01	23746.66

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NEWTON,	1755	J. H. Wells.	1877		5	6	..	..	1	..	..	1	70	73	E. B. Hoitt.	10	100	60	5	$8.00	.....	.....	$12.00	$2.00	100.00	$425.00	$547.00
John Hoitt.	...		Au.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
BRENTWOOD,	1771	C. Newhall.	1877	Dea. W. T. Bean.	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	1	87	111	L. E. Smith.	9	95	51	..	11.00	17.00	14.00	28.00	3.00	13.00	357.72	443.72
D. O. Waldron	...	J. Upton. * ‡	Oct	D. Jewell.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
E. NORTHWOOD,	1779	D. Taylor. ‡	1878	P. Hoyt.	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	40	43	D. Taylor.	8	68	40	..	..	.....	.....	15.00	2.00	15.00	1280.00	1312.00
F. Carter.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
EXETER,	1800	J. N. Chase.	1871	Dea. D. Smith.	10	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	190	251	H. C. Moses.	18	199	123	9	58.19	22.55	60.00	31.69	5.00	75.87	1800.00	2053.30
N. Shute.	....	N. Hooper. *	Dec		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	...	*C. R. Brown.* ‡	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
DEERFIELD,	1816	H. O. Walker. ‡	1867	G. H. Stevens.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	113	143	A. M. Chase.	9	73	44	..	..	.....	.....	7.00	4.00	.....	600.00	611.00
G. H. Stevens.	....		Sep		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
PORTSMOUTH,	1826	W. H. Alden.	1868	Deas. J. D. Ackerman	20	8	..	..	1	..	..	3	203	242	H. A. Yeaton.	21	235	142	13	50.00	.....	.....	65.00	5.00	355.00	3000.00	3475.00
L. E. Smith.	....		Mr.	L. W. Brewster; G. W.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	....		...	Plumer, J. Clark.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
DOVER,	1828	C. A. Towne.	1875	Dea. S. Cotton,	..	3	..	..	9	..	1	2	142	190	T. B. Garland.	18	173	102	..	50.00	61.00	10.00	50.00	5.00	.....	1530.63	1706.63
T. B. Garland.	....		Sep	Dea. D. Lawrence,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	....		....	Dea. G. Richardson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HAMPTON F'LLS	1828	I. J. Burgess.	1876	G. D. Dodge,	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	53	66	G. D. Dodge.	6	53	40	..	23.60	6.00	.....	20.00	2.50	12.00	600.00	664.10
G. D. Dodge.	....		Sep	E. B. Towle.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SO. HAMPTON,	1830	E. L. Scott.	1877		2	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	28	38	B. R. Jewell.	9	70	62	2	4.92	6.75	.....	25.00	1.50	28.00	551.47	617.64
B. R. Jewell.	....	S. S. White.	Oct		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
STRATHAM,	1831	N. Hooper. †	....	H. H. Staples.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	37	A. D. Wiggin.	4	60	40	..	8.00	....	4.00	10.00	1.50	120.00	409.00	543.50
G. C. Brown.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
GREAT FALLS,	1833	D. H. Stoddard.	1874	W. S. Kinsman,	2	4	..	..	4	..	1	3	130	190	C. E. Goodwin.	26	304	173	2	130.24	..	50.00	150.00	8.00	144.79	2612.17	3095.20
C. E. Goodwin	....		Ap.	J. M. Tebbets,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	....		....	W. W. Woodman.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
PLAISTOW,	1836	O. P. Fuller.	1877	G. Harris,	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	108	E. E. Peaslee.	11	105	68	8	.....	4 00	.....	16.10	3.00	7.00	785.66	851.76
G. Harris.	....		My	A. B. Crane,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	....		....	Sister A. W. Peaslee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
CHESTER,	1846	J. Clement. †	...	J. Clement,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	58	L. C. Stevens.	7	50	36	..	.....	.....	.....	25.00	3.00	.....	1300.00	1328.00
C. S. Wilcomb.	...		....	W. Morse.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SEABROOK,	1859	——	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	28	J. Weare.	8	58	40	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. L. Gove.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
NEWTON JUNC.	1875	*W. A. Hodgkins.* †	....	S. Rowell.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	20	20	W. E. Prescott.	8	60	42	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	400.00	401.00
W. W. Boswell.	....	Otis Wing.	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 Churches.	....	18 Ministers.	....	24 Messengers.	48	34	1	1	22	..	4	19	1269	1598	15 Superin't's.	172	1703	1063	39	343.95	153.30	138.00	§4.79	§46.50	870.66	15642.65	17649.85

§ $5. of this paid the Clerk for services and expenses.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS.	Date of Organization.	MINISTERS.	Date of Settlement.	MESSENGERS.	MEMBERSHIP.									SABBATH-SCHOOLS.					MONEYS CONTRIBUTED FOR							
					Baptized.	Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Excluded.	Died.	Res. Memb's.	Total.	Superintend's.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Average.	Baptized.	Missionary Union.	Woman's F'r Mission.	Home Mis. Society.	Convention.	Minutes.	Miscellan'o's	Home Objects.	Total.
NEWPORT,	1779	H. C. Leavitt.	1872	E. M. Kempton.	..	1	..	..	10	19	2	5	103	144	F. J. Tenney.	10	100	70	..	.....	$14.00	$4.00	$22.00	$4.00	.....	$1000.00	$1044.0
E.M. Kempton.	....	Ira Pearsons. *	Oct	G. F. Whitney,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....	P. S. Adams. *	...	F. J. Tenney.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW LONDON,	1788	S. C. Fletcher.	1873	Dea.J.C. Herrick, T.	2	2	..	..	7	..	..	1	201	278	A. J. Kidder.	16	216	150	1	89.00	48.00	68.60	90.00	8.00	180.00	1200.00	1683.6
N.T.Greenwood.	....		Au.	TFarwell.N TGreen-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	wood, C. Crockett.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CORNISH,	1789	G. A. Glines.	1875	S. M. Greene, M.	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	138	166	C. D. Nevens.	10	100	60	4	4.00	33.32	150.00	20.00	4.00	1.00	800.00	1012.3
H. E. Rich.	....		Ju.	Hutchinson, H. P.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	Raymond.C. D.Nev-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....	ens, S. E. Cole.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CANAAN,	1789	——	...	Dea. E. F. Currier.	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	20	20		..	25	25	..	.....	.....	.....	30.00	.25	.....	.....	30.2
E. Barney.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HANOVER,	1790	E. H. Smith. ‡	1875		2	..	2	..	5	1	..	1	67	86		0	75	56	2	2.00	23.50	.....	5.00	3.00	.....	575.00	608.5
D. Camp.	....	D.F.Rich'dson*‡	Ju.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MERIDEN,	1792	A. Heald.	1877	W. D. Story.	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	2	49	64	W. C. True.	5	75	56	..	7.26	.....	4.00	24.65	2.00	13.00	700.00	750.9
S. D. Stone.	....		Jan		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E.WASHINGTON	1800	S. H. Anderson.	1877	I. D. Proctor.	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	6	68	108	J. Smith.	6	45	31	1	.....	.....	.....	9.00	2.00	.....	485.00	496.0
F. P. Fletcher.	....	L. M. Powers. *	Mr	Dea.F. P. Fletcher	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GOSHEN,	1805	W. Hurlin.	1877	Deas. O. H. Parker.	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	38	69	H. F. Nelson.	6	70	55	..	4.02	1.00	.....	20.00	.75	.....	350.00	375.7
O. E. Farr.	...		Jly	A. Tandy, O. E.Farr	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SO. ACWORTH,	1809	*J. D. Graham.*	1878	Dea. O. Wood.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	41	56	M. Bascom.	7	60	50	..	.....	.....	.....	25.00	1.30	8.00	330.50	364.8
O. Wood.	....		Mr.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
UNITY.	1812	——			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CLAREMONT,	1821	J. S. Swaim.	1877	S. Richardson.	8	7	2	..	4	1	..	3	214	290	G. Rowell.	15	231	138	4	60.00	.....	48.00	90.00	6.00	59.31	1400.00	1663.3
A. R. Cummings	...		Oct	A. Goward.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LYME,	1831	E. P. Merrifield.	1878	S. Beal,	4	4	1	..	3	..	..	3	63	76	F. J. Holt.	8	105	60	4	6.13	8.00	4.76	20.00	3.25	.....	400.00	442.1
W. W. Balch.	....		My	J. Brown.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. PLAINFIELD,	1861	G. B. Smith. ‡	1877	J. W. Peterson,	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	67	96	W. E. Westgate	7	145	100	..	2.30	15.00	.....	12.00	2.00	3.00	600.00	634.3
C. D. Colby.	...	D. P. Deming.*‡	My	D. Westgate.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LEBANON.	1862	N. F. Tilden.	1876	Dea. C. V. Cobb.	11	6	2	..	2	..	..	..	117	143	F. W. Cheney.	10	131	63	5	10.00	.....	12.14	12.25	1.50	25.00	1000.00	1060.8
F. W. Cheney.	....		Jan		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14 Churches.	....	17 Ministers.	....	27 Messengers.	35	23	8	..	46	23	4	29	1186	1596	11 Superint's.	110	1378	914	21	184.71	142.82	291.50	379.90	38.05	289.31	8840.50	10166.7

WHITE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

LUNENBURG, VT	1811	S. Dean.	1877	C. Thomas.	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	31	51	A. J. Olcott.	6	70	36	..	$6.50	.....	.. ..	.....	$.50	$10.00	$400.00	$417.00
C. Thomas.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
JEFFERSON,	1832	———	....	———	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	30	34		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	1.00	.....	... ...	3.00
L. Stalbird.	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
STRATFORD,	1843	———	....	S. W. Curtis,	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	17	27	E. A. Baldwin.	4	25	20	..	4.00	.....	.. ..	25.00	.50	.....	600.00	629.50
E. A. Baldwin	....		....	E. A. Baldwin,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	...		....	J. M. Baldwin.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CARROL,	1845	———	....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
I. Thompson.	....	R. Barry. *	....	Dea. I. Thompson.	..	..	..	..	3	4	..	3	31	31		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	.....	.....	6.00
LANCASTER.	1860	———	....		..	..	..	..	7	3	5	..	9	19		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.50	.....	.....	5.50
G. S. Kenison	....		....		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 Churches.	....	2 Ministers.	....	5 Messengers.	..	2	..	..	16	10	5	3	118	162	2 Superint's.	10	95	56	..	10.50	... ..	.....	37.00	3.50	10.00	1000.00	1061.00

§ By Dea. Twombly.

SUMMARY.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Ministers.	Messengers.	Baptized.	Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Excluded.	Died.	Res. Members.	Total.	Superintend's	Teachers.	Scholars.	Average.	Baptized.	Missionary Union.	Woman's Foreign Mission.	Home Mis. Society.	Convention.	Minutes.	Miscellaneous	Home Objects	Total.
Meredith	12	13	8	14	7	7		11	5	7	16	626	828	10	80	850	490	5	$102.50	$35.65	$47.51	$173.00	$32.75	$160.72	$4145.88	$4698
Dublin	11	13	28	33	18	2		17	14	9	18	752	919	10	94	1057	585	31	65.47	61.33	56.18	243.75	26.83	169.11	6920.35	7543
Salisbury	15	21	34	108	122	21	2	27	1	2	15	1499	1827	13	165	2055	1116	86	707.02	145.00	144.00	658.55	69.05	1501.43	24163.65	27388
Milford	14	19	41	144	40	16		50	15	13	24	1832	2280	13	183	2181	1312	78	433.96	535.96	186.07	634.20	55.25	500.21	21401.01	23746
Portsmouth	15	18	24	48	34	1	1	22		4	19	1269	1598	15	172	1703	1063	39	343.95	153.30	138.00	454.79	46.50	870.66	15642.65	17649
Newport	14	17	27	35	23	8		46	23	4	29	1186	1596	11	110	1378	914	21	184.71	142.82	291.50	379.90	38.05	289.31	8840.50	10166
White Mountain	5	2	5		2			16	10	5	3	118	162	2	10	95	56		10.50			37.00	3.50	10.00	1000.00	1061
	86	103	167	382	246	55	3	189	68	44	124	7282	9210	74	814	9319	5536	260	1848.11	1074.06	863.26	2581.19	$271.93	3501.44	82114.04	92254

§ Of this sum $5. each was paid to the Clerks of Meredith and Portsmouth Associations, leaving the amount received by the Treasurer $261.93.

DISPOSITION OF MONEYS,

AS SHOWN BY TREASURERS OF ASSOCIATIONS AND TRUSTEES OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUNDS.

TREASURERS AND ASSOCIATIONS.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Convention.	Bible and Pub. Soc.	Miscellaneous	Minutes.	Widows and Orphans F'ds on Deposit.	Total.
Meredith, A. V. Tilton,	$47.00	$6.53	$23.00	.....	$1.00	$32.75	$66.00	$176.28
Dublin, J. Hammond,*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Salisbury, J. S. Brown,	10.00	19.00	135.55	8.50	....	57.05	833.54	1063.64
Milford, G. Holbrook,	5.00	41.57	114.66	3.00	2.00	55.25	1708.54	1930.02
Portsmouth, C. A. Towne,	23.50	2.50	122.00	.....	18.30	41.50	1044.74	1252.54
Newport, N.T.Greenwood,	30.43	16.14	70.65	1.00	2.00	35.05	111.67	266.94
White M'nt'n, C. Thomas*	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
TOTAL,	115.93	$85.74	$465.86	$12.50	$23.30	$221.60	$3764.49	$4689.42

*No report.

STATISTICAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAPTIST PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

BY REV. WM. HURLIN.

REMOVALS INTO THE STATE.

J. S. Swaim.....from Cambridge, Mass.....to Claremont.
E. Bromley..... " Norwood, Mass..... " Pittsfield.
W. Read..... " Littleton, Mass..... " Fitzwilliam.
L. C. Stevens..... " E. Brookfield, Mass..... " Great Falls.
F. E. Cleaves..... " —— " ..... " New Boston.
I. W. Coombs..... " —— " ..... " Rumney.
I. W. Merrill..... " —— Conn..... " Pottersville.
E. M. Shaw..... " Rockland, Maine..... " Antrim.
E. P. Merrifield..... " Vershire, Vt..... " Lyme.
D. Taylor,..... " Brooklyn, N. Y..... " E. Northwood.
L. C. Barnes..... " Kalamazoo, Mich..... " Greenville.

REMOVALS WITHIN THE STATE.

J. D. Graham.....from Greenville.....to So. Acworth.
H. G. Hubbard..... " Meriden..... " So. Lyndeboro'.
W. Hurlin..... " Mill Village..... " Antrim.
C. Newhall..... " Pottersville..... " Brentwood.
C. A. Piddock..... " Claremont..... " Hinsdale,
E. L. Scott..... " Brentwood..... " So. Hampton.
S. S. White..... " Lyme..... " So Hampton.

REMOVALS OUT OF THE STATE.

J. L. Sanborn.....from Stratford.....to Waterboro', Me
G. F. Pay..... " Goshen..... " Vershire, Vt.
W. R. Warner..... " Lyndeboro'..... " Ira, Vt.
J. E. Burr..... " Fisherville..... " W.Medway, Mass.
H. W. Dalton..... " Sanbornton..... " Byfield, Mass.
B. H. Lane..... " Newton..... " No. Uxbridge, Ms.
J. F. Morton..... " New London..... " Newton.
L. W. Frink..... " Hinsdale..... " Moosup, Conn.
W. H. Fish..... " Antrim..... " Brewster, Mass.
S. Latham..... " Fitzwilliam..... " ——

RESIGNATIONS.

J. B. Breed, Rumney. J. M. Coburn, Pittsfield.
T. B. Eastman, No. Sutton. H. C. Leavett, Newport.
W. B. Smith, Fisherville. T. M. Merriman, Meredith Village.

DEATH.

P. Chamberlain.....Milford.....Feb. 19, 1878, aged 82.

ORDINATIONS.

J. H. Wells.....Newton.....Jan. 9, 1878.
O. W. Kimball.....Bow..... " 30, "
S. A. Read.....No. Stratford.....Oct. 9, "

		Secretaries.	Treasurers,	Preachers.	Letters, Essays & Histories.	Place & Time of Meeting.
S. S. CONVENTION,		W. Hurlin, Antrim.	W. Hurlin, Antrim.			New London, Tuesday. Oct. 14, at 10 o'clock A. M.
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS.		E. C. Spinney, Concord.	N. Hooper, Exeter.	W. H. Eaton. W. H. Leavell, alternate.	E. C. Spinney, essayist. R. B. Moody, alternate. W. Hurlin, statistical rep't'r.	New London, Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M.
CONVENTION.		W. Hurlin, Antrim.	A. J. Prescott, Concord.	W. H. Leavell. J. S. Swaim, alternate.	A. V. Tilton, circular letter. A. J. Hopkins, alternate.	New London, Wednesday Oct. 15, at 10 o'clock A. M.
ASSOCIATIONS.	MEREDITH,	A. V. Tilton, Campton Vil'e.	A. V. Tilton, Campton Vil'e.	T. C. Gleason. I. W. Coombs, alternate. W. M. Mayhew, doctrinal. J. D. Tilton, alternate.	History of Hebron, Campton and Meredith churches.	Danbury, first Wednesday in September.
	DUBLIN,	E. M. Shaw, Antrim.	Jos. Hammond, W. Swanzey.	E. J. Emery. C. F. Myers, alternate.	J. L. Whittemore, E. M Shaw, alternate.	Troy, first Thursday in September.
	SALISBURY.	E. C. Spinney, Concord.	J. S. Brown, Fisherville.	K. S. Hall. O. W. Kimball, alternate. A. J. Hopkins, doctrinal. E. Pepper, alternate.	H. W. Tate. E. Bromley, alternate.	Pittsfield, third Wednesday in September.
	MILFORD,	S. S. Davis, Nashua.	G. Holbrook, Manchester.	W. H. Leavell. J. H. Nichols, alternate.		Greenville, second Wednesday in September.
	PORTSMOUTH,	C. A. Towne, Dover.	C. A. Towne. Dover.	W. H. Alden. O. P. Fuller, alternate. H. O. Walker, doctrinal. I. J. Burgess, alternate.	History of South Hampton church, by the pastor.	Great Falls, third Wednesday in September.
	NEWPORT,	G. A. Glines, Cornish Flat.	N. T. Greenwood, New London.	J. S. Swaim. G. B. Smith, alternate.		Newport, fourth Wednesday in September.
	WHITE MOUNT'N,	C. Thomas, Lunenburg, Vt.	C. Thomas, Lunenburg, Vt.			Lunenburg, Vt., second Wednesday in June.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. J. PRESCOTT, IN ACCOUNT WITH N. H. BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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For Collections, per tables, from the churches,	$2,581.19	
Collections in Convention,	13.69	
Interest received on funds,	408.64	
Pulpit supplies,	79.39	
Miss Mary P. Clark, Life Member,	20 00	
Printing Minutes,	261.93	
Legacy Estate, Betsey Tucker, (Sutton,)	100.00	
Legacy Estate, Mary P. Dodge, New Boston,	1,371.13	
		$4,835.97

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Paid Cash borrowed 1877—and interest,	$130.28	
Rev. K. S. Hall, secretary and expenses,	137.44	
Jos. B. Clark, Esq., Fees,	20.00	
Rev. D. Gage, Agent and Postage,	807.85	
Hinsdale church,	125 00	
New Ipswich "	125.00	
Amherst "	50.00	
So. Hampton "	75.00	
Salem "	125.00	
Danbury "	50.00	
Hampt'n Falls "	75.00	
Conway "	150.00	
Stratford "	50.00	
Peterboro' "	125.00	
Wilton "	100.00	
Richmond "	100 00	
Chester "	100.00	
Troy "	100.00	
East Weare "	100 00	
Goshen "	100.00	
Lyndeboro' "	84.61	
Lyme "	50.00	
Meredith "	50.00	
No.Sanbornt'n "	75.00	
Suncook "	150.00	
Canaan "	67.30	
Woodstock "	100.00	
No. Stratford "	26 92	
Fitzwilliam "	100.00	
So. Acworth "	64.90	
Pittsfield "	76.92	
Printing and Postage, secretary and Pru. Committee,	21.75	
Expenses and Postage of Treas.	35.00	
Printing bill, H. R. Wheeler,	238.00	
Amount invested	1000,00	
Cash balance	50.00	
		$4,835.97

This certifies that we have examined the above accounts, and find them correctly cast and accompanied with proper vouchers. We find the present value of invested funds to be seventy-six hundred dollars.

STILLMAN HUMPHREY,
FRED'K S. CRAWFORD, } Auditors.

Concord, Nov. 30, 1878.

COMPENDIUM OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

From its Organization to 1878.

YEAR	WHERE MET.	PRES. AND SEC'Y.	PREACHER.	ESSAYIST.
1832	Portsmouth,	Ira Pearson, Gibbon Williams,	.....	.....
1833	Rumney,	Ira Pearson, Gibbon Williams,	Baron Stow,	.....
1834	Jaffrey,	Gibbon Williams, Bela Wilcox,	Ira Pearson,	.....
1835	Deerfield,	P. Richardson, Bela Wilcox,	J. Bigbee,	.....
1835	Deerfield,	..... Bela Wilcox,	.....	.....
1835	Henniker,	John Atwood, Bela Wilcox,	.....	.....
1836	Pittsfield,	E. B. Smith, Bela Wilcox,	D. D. Pratt,	S. Cooke,
1837	New Boston,	Thomas Rand, Samuel Everett,	Oren Tracy,	B. Pease,
1838	New London,	E. E. Cummings, B. Brierley,	D. D. Pratt,	.....
1839	Deerfield,	Ira Pearson, E. Worth,	Reuben Sawyer,	E. B. Smith, E.E. Cum'gs,
1840	Sanbornton,	Reuben Sawyer, E. Worth,	J. N. Brown,	J. N. Brown,
1843	Hillsborough,	H. Archibald, O. O. Stearns,	.....	.....
1846	Rumney,	M Carpenter, A. T. Foss,	A. M. Swain,	.....
1847	Brentwood,	Ira Pearson, H. Tonkin,	Nath'l Colver,	.....
1848	Milford,	Ira Pearson, H. Tonkin,	E. E. Cummings,	.....
1848	Manchester,	B. Wheeler, H. Tonkin,	O. O. Stearns,	M.Carpenter A.M.Swain,
1849	Claremont,	E. E. Cummings, H. Tonkin,	Ira Pearson,	J. M. Chick,
1850	New London,	D. D. Pratt, G. Robbins,	O. Ayer,	T.G.Wright, G. Robbins,
1851	Dover,	S. Cooke, K. S. Hall,	H. D. Dodge,	.....
1852	Concord,	O. Ayer, K. S. Hall,	.....	.....
1853	Meredith Vill'e,	Wm. Lamson, K. S. Hall,	Isaac Sawyer,	Wm.Lamson
1854	New London,	E. Worth, K. S. Hall,	O. Barron,	G. Robbins,
1855	Newton,	Wm. Lamson, K. S. Hall,	C. W. Flanders,	.....
1856	Pittsfield,	E. E. Cummings, K. S. Hall,	G. Robbins,	W.H. Eaton,
1857	Keene,	L. Tracy, K. S. Hall,	J. N. Chase,	.....

COMPENDIUM OF PROCEEDINGS OF PASTORAL ASSOCIATION — *Concluded.*

YEAR	WHERE MET.	PRES. AND SEC'Y.	PREACHER.	ESSAYIST.
1858	Exeter.	W. H. Eaton, K. S. Hall,	S. G. Abbott,	E. E. Cummings,
1859	Nashua.	J. M. Coburn, K. S. Hall,	L. Hayden,	F. Daman,
1860	Newport,	D. Gage, K. S. Hall,	W. B. Clapp,	T. H. Archibald, ...
1861	Lake Village,	D. Gage, K. S. Hall.	J. M. Coburn,	Geo. Pierce,
1862	Milford.	O. Ayer, L. C. Stevens,	W. H. Eaton,	O. Ayer,
1863	Portsmouth.	L. Hayden, L. C. Stevens,	George Pierce,	L. C. Stevens
1864	East Jaffrey.	J. D. Tilton, L. C. Stevens.	L. D. Hill,	C. W. Flanders,
1865	New London.	O. Ayer, L. C. Stevens,	J. D. Tilton.	L. Hayden.
1866	Plaistow,	J. S. Herrick, John McKinlay,	F. Daman.	J. Storer.
1867	Claremont.	E. H. Smith, John McKinlay.	F. Merriam.	D. P. Deming
1868	Manchester.	F. Merriam, H. G. Safford,	L. C. Stevens.	W. N. Clarke.
1869	Concord.	E. E. Cummings, H. G. Safford.	D. W. Faunce.	.....
1870	Dover.	W. H. Eaton, H. G. Safford,	J. Storer,	.....
1871	Brentwood.	A. Sherwin, H. G. Safford.	Wm. Hurlin.	.....
1872	Nashua,	K. S. Hall, F. D. Blake,	H. H. Rhees,	F. W. Towle
1873	Manchester,	D. W. Faunce, H. O. Walker,	K. S. Hall.	E. Pepper.
1874	Great Falls.	E. E. Cummings, H. O. Walker,	H. G. Hubbard.	.....
1875	Claremont,	H. G. Safford. C. W. Burnham,	K. S. Hall,	H. O. Walker
1876	Keene,	H. G. Hubbard, A. J. Hopkins,	J. N. Chase.	E. Pepper.
1877	Concord,	J. N. Chase, A. J. Hopkins,	W. V. Garner.	D. H. Stoddard.
1878	Exeter,	J. N. Chase, A. J. Hopkins,	C. A. Towne,	.....

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I give and bequeath to the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, a corporation by law established in the State of New Hampshire, the sum of ——— dollars.

I give and bequeath to the New Hampshire Baptist Convention, a corporation by law established in the State of New Hampshire, the sum of ——— dollars, the same to be invested at the discretion of said Convention, and the income thereof to be used for the purposes of said Convention.

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CALENDAR.

Winter Term of 14 week begins Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1878.

VACATION OF TWO WEEKS.

Spring Term of 13 weeks begins Wednesday, April 2, 1879.

Anniversary Exercises, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 30, and July 1, and 2, 1879.

VACATION OF NINE WEEKS.

Fall Term of 12 weeks begins Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1879.

NOTICE.

Colby Academy is situated on New London Hill, and is reached by stage, leaving Bradford, twelve miles distant, at 5 o'clock P. M ; and leaving Potter Place, eight miles distant, at 12 o'clock M. Passengers leaving Concord at 10:45 A. M., by the Northern Railroad, will find a stage in waiting at Potter Place, and passengers leaving Concord at 3:30 P. M., by the Concord and Claremont Railroad, will find a stage in waiting at Bradford.

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